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## DRY FORCES AGAIN ACTIVE

### APPEAL MADE TO ELECT DRY OFFICERS

On April 14, 1936, in their State meeting in Raleigh, the United Dry Forces of North Carolina adopted the following appeal to the citizens of the State.

### TO THE MEN AND WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

This is an election year; now is the time that our citizens are determining the type of persons who will make our laws and who will be responsible for their enforcement. Hence, it is urgent that the United Dry Forces of North Carolina redouble their efforts in the fight against the liquor traffic. On May 27, 1908, the State voted "Against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" by a majority of 44,196—thereby voting out local option. Again, on November 7, 1933, North Carolina voted 184,572 majority "Against the Repeal of the 18th Amendment." It was then well understood that our State prohibition laws would not be interfered with, if the people voted against repeal.

Our democratic government is founded on the consent of the governed. In violation of the people's wishes, the liquor forces of the State, with the aid of foreign beer barons, and foreign wine and liquor manufacturers, procured the passage of the high powered beer bills, wine bill and the A. B. C. Stores' system for 17 Counties, which have increased drunkenness and drunken drivers and have not decreased "blind tigers." In 14 Counties that have A. B. C. Stores, the record shows an increased of 79 per cent in drunkenness and drunken drivers. The saloon with all its evils, which was promised never to return, is here again, selling every day and night and even on Sunday.

The United Dry Forces warned our people that drunkenness and drunken drivers would increase; and this has happened. Licenses from over 2300 drunken drivers have been revoked in the last few months. We commend the newspapers of the State for their fight on drunken drivers; and we appeal to them and all the people of the State to wipe out the entire nefarious traffic and enforce the law.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink."

The statement is made that the A. B. C. Stores have sold \$2,168,698.58 worth of liquor in 8 months; that after paying State sales taxes in the amount of \$62,485.00, the Counties have only \$473,392.00 to cover their operating expenses and profits. In other words, these stores have sent to liquor dealers of the nation \$1,632,821.00, thus lessening the ability of their people to purchase groceries, clothes, homes and other greatly needed articles; all of this money—over two million dollars—being taken from the unfortunate victims and their families, and the Counties get only about 20 percent. This is economic folly.

The General Assembly should wipe out the liquor stores and saloons. We should elect a Dry Government and Dry Members of the General Assembly.

## HONOR ROLL

### The News-Record

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.

- Carl Edmonds, Asheville
- Mrs. Julia Ramsey, Marshall, R-3
- P. N. McDevitt, Marshall, R-3
- H. W. Grooms, Mars Hill
- Rev. J. R. Duncan, Marshall
- Mrs. M. P. Pritchard, Marshall
- L. S. Shelton, Mars Hill
- Farion Edwards, Stocksville
- Teuben Wallin, Marshall, R-3
- C. A. Henderson, Asheville
- L. J. Ball, Marshall, R-1
- V. G. Reese, Marshall, R-2
- T. Blankenship, Bluff
- T. Ballard, Buckner
- G. Landers, Walnut
- Paul Payne, Marshall, R-1

## BLACK LOCUST Fine Soil Improver

The following article sent to certain county agents recently was called to our attention by Mr. Haney, of Marshall, and it seems to contain some food for thought. Locusts grow prolifically in this section, and as they are considered pests by some, it may be of interest to them to know that they are really great soil builders. At least, we pass it on in the hope that it may do some good. The article follows:

Since I was a small boy on a mountain farm, I have observed the usefulness of the black locust as a soil improver and for controlling erosion. I also observed the usefulness of its leaves in feeding livestock in mountain counties during the severe drought in 1930.

The following article entitled: "Composition of Black Locust Leaf Mold and Leaves and Some Observations on the Effects of the Black Locust," by Prof. A. F. Gustafson of Cornell University, sheds some light on the subject:

"During April 1934 the writer's attention was attracted to the organic material on the surface of the soil under a thick stand of black locusts.

"This particular locust area was started by planting sprouts about 25 years ago for the purpose of controlling the blowing of dune sand. The size of the planting has become greatly enlarged due to fires, which caused the locusts to spread by sprouting.

"While making a soil map, as well as since then, the writer observed Kentucky blue grass well established and making good growth under black locust trees even though this blue grass does not grow on the sand away from the group of locust trees.

"Two samples of dry black locust leaf material were analyzed and averaged 1.282 per cent nitrogen. On this basis, it was found that the black locust leaf material contained 101 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

"The growth of blue grass in association with black locust appears fully explained by the above data, the locust leaves supplying nitrogen and other nutrients, holding moisture, and probably helping to hold down the temperature of the sand during hot periods.

"Chapman has shown that the effect of black locust leaves blown over among such deciduous trees as white ash, tulip poplar, black oak, and chestnut oak is to increase their growth in diameter immediately adjacent to the locusts, as compared with distances of 12 to 72 feet away. The same relationship precisely was found in the nitrogen content of the soil, it being .196% among the locusts and only .090% at a distance of 72 feet from the locusts. As Chapman points out, this difference may appear to be small, but it is equivalent to 3,900 pounds of nitrogen to the acre among the locusts and to 1840 pounds 72 feet away a difference of 2100 pounds to the acre—6 inches weighing 2,000,000 pounds.

"The writer collected leaves from black locust trees in Ithaca on the edge of the Cornell University campus, about October 9, 1934. Owing to the shorter season at Ithaca as compared with Ohio, however, the stages of maturity of leaves from two places are not strictly comparable. The nitrogen content of the locust leaves at Ithaca was 2.33% (dry basis), which is practically the same as that of red clover at full bloom.

"If the black locust produces 3000 pounds per acre, they contain about 70 pounds of nitrogen to the acre, or on the basis of a ton of locust leaves, 46.6 pounds of nitrogen to the acre. This is an important contribution of nitrogen and organic matter to the soil.

"This calculation is made purely for the purpose of calling the attention of workers to the possibility of using legume trees in conjunction with non-legumes. Control of the legumes will be essential owing to their rapid growth. Overtopping of non-legume trees might be avoided if these are planted in narrow belts alternated with belts of locusts."

Yours very truly,  
O. F. McCrory,  
District Agent.

## Singing Convention

The French Broad Singing Convention will meet with the Free Will Baptist church, Sunday May 10th, at 2 o'clock P. M. We are expecting a large crowd and we want to have the best convention yet. We have invited singers from Buncombe County, and Mr. George W. Sebren from Asheville has promised to send the Parker Quartette. So we are inviting all singers to come and be present and sing. The Convention will be held at Marshall until further notice. Come and let's have a good time together.  
LEE BRYAN, Chairman.

## MARSHALL SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES NOW IN PROGRESS

### Dr. Blackwell to Deliver Sermon Next Sunday Morning

Commencement exercises for the Marshall school are now underway, the first having been given last Friday night by the grammar grades in the form of an operetta—"When the Land of Dreams Comes True". The large auditorium was practically filled to capacity and the exercises were said to be very enjoyable. The next program of the commencement will be presented next Sunday morning, May 10, at eleven o'clock, when the Marshall churches will unite at the Marshall school for the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, pastor of the Marshall Baptist church. Prayer will be offered by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower, pastor of the Cooper Memorial Presbyterian church of Marshall, and special music will be rendered by a choir composed of members of the various church choirs. Tuesday evening, May 12, at eight o'clock, the senior play, "The End of the Lane", will be presented. Wednesday morning, May 13, at 10:30 o'clock, the seventh grade program, which appears elsewhere in this issue, will be presented. Thursday evening, May 14, at eight o'clock the class day and graduation exercises will take place, after which the school of 1935-36 will be a matter of history.

### Commencement Calendar, May 10-12, 13, and 14.

Sunday, May 10, 11 A. M., Baccalaureate Sermon.

Tuesday, May 12, 8:00 P. M. Senior Play.

Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 A. M., Seventh Grade Program.

Thursday, May 14, 8:00 P. M., Class Day and Graduating Exercises.

## SO FAR, HAS NO OPPOSITION



GUY ENGLISH  
Candidate for re-election as Sheriff

## Senior Class Roll Of Marshall High School

The following students will receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises of the Marshall High School Thursday night, May 14, 1936:

- Sadie L. Ball, Elva Lee Ball, Lola Elizabeth Ball, Pauline M. Buckner, Hazel S. Deal, Joy Marie Farmer, Ollie Mae Flynn, Lucy Reese Fore, Adeline Hope Holcombe, Virginia Ruth Jackson, Geneva Julia McCurry, Blanche McDaris, Willie Eileen Morgan, Ethel Mae Pegg, June Elaine Ramsey, Wilma Eugene Ramsey, Gertrude Louise Rector, Agnes Marie Rice, Jessie Marie Robinson, Mary Opal Roberts, Dorothy Jane Smith, Violet Elizabeth Tate, Mabel Irene Teague, Julia Lois Tipton, Hugh Bradburn, W. Paige Bryan, Kermit B. Cody, James White Dalton, F. Ray Frisby, Arvil Glen Gosnell, Paul Luther Huey, Bruce McNeal Hunter, Charles Edwin Mashburn, Charles Lee Miller, Jr., Zeno Herbert Ponder, Liston Bryan Ramsey, Edd Ramsey, Charles Jackson Redmon, Coleman Hardwicke Runnon, Minard Sexton, Eugene R. Treadway, Frank D. Wallin, Allen Zeb Whitt, Jr.

## Endorses Geo. Ross Pou For State Auditor

By W. S. PENN

The Reverend Eff David Dodd, pastor of the Methodist Church at Creedmoor and brother of W. E. Dodd, United States Ambassador to Germany, has recently written the following letter to W. S. Penn, Clayton, editor of the Clayton News, endorsing George Ross Pou's candidacy (Carried to fourth page)

## TO SPEAK IN MARSHALL MAY 19



DR. RALPH W. McDONALD

## Movie Stars See Exposition Music



John Boles and Gladys Swarthout, movie stars, visited the Texas Centennial Exposition grounds together when they were in Dallas recently. They are shown inspecting a rare, twelfth century sacred anthem, part of the historical exhibit planned by the Exposition. First Southwest World's Fair, which opens in Dallas June 6. Mr. Boles, a native Texan, told Exposition officials that dozens of Hollywood movie stars have made plans to attend the big show during its June 6-Nov. 29 run.

## The Story Of "Silent Night"

By Emory Ward

It was snowing heavily the afternoon of that Christmas Eve in the little village of Obendorf, high up in the valley of the Salzach. For twenty-four hours it had snowed, and the roads and streets of the little village were covered deep with the freshly fallen whiteness.

The young priest of the village church looked out at the darkening sky. "A silent blanket of snow is glorious for Christmas Eve," he remarked, "but I hear it will be hard for many of my members to attend the midnight mass to-night."

As he spoke the figure of Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster, emerged from out the falling whiteness and entered the parsonage. "Father Josef, Father Josef," he cried as he encountered the young priest. "It is indeed bad news that I bring to you. I have just come from the church, and the organ is broken. I have tried to repair it, but unsuccessfully. We must wait for the arrival of the organ maker from our neighboring village, and I fear that our mass tonight must be carried on without the happy Christmas songs of the children."

The priest smiled at the schoolmaster. "Have no fear, Franz Gruber," he replied. "We shall not be disappointed."

"But we must have music, father," Franz Gruber insisted. "On Christmas Eve one must have music."

"We will have music," the priest declared resolutely. "Even though the organ is broken, the children you have taught can sing some of the old Christmas songs they know so well."

Franz Gruber shook his head. "I fear their youthful voices cannot sing them without the aid and guidance of the organ, father."

A smile spread over the young priest's face. "Then we shall sing a new song," he declared. "Just this afternoon as I watched the darkening sky and the softly falling snow flakes, these words came to me."

Drawing the schoolmaster into his study, the young priest placed before him the words of that joyous Christmas carol that will never die:

"Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace."

"Father Mohr," said the schoolmaster as he read the poem, "the words sing themselves. Bars of music seem to float from heaven to fit themselves perfectly to your poem. I will go to my home and get them down before they speed away again."

That night behind the altar-rail near a candle covered Christmas tree Father Josef Mohr, Marie, an orphan girl who tended the priest's home, and Franz Gruber sang that glorious Christmas carol for the first time to the parishioners of Saint Nicholas. Franz Gruber himself accompanied the little group on his guitar.

After the storm had abated, an organ builder from Fuggen in Zillerthal came to Obendorf to repair the broken organ. As he left the little village he took a copy of the carol with him, and from his hands it was passed on to all mankind.

Since that Christmas in 1818 it has become one of the world's best loved Christmas carols. In every city and in every country where loyal Christian hearts join together to sing Christmas Carols the joyous words of "Silent Night, Holy Night" are

## MARS HILL

Miss Louise Coates completed her terms work in the Fassifera school, Hendersonville, and returned to her home here May 1.

Miss Marye Carter, who has been teaching in the Chinquopin High School, Duplin county, came home Monday.

Miss Sara Fox, who has been studying at the W. M. U. Training school, Louisville, has arrived on the campus for a visit to her mother.

Miss Willie B. White has returned home after spending last week with friends near Marshall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Erskin Bailey, Friday May 1, a son.

Misses Golda Tillery and Marvis Allman, pupils of Miss Bonnie Wengert, of the college expression department, were presented in a graduate recital last Saturday evening. Miss Tillery gave "The Violin Maker of Cremona", and Miss Allman gave "The Nine Days' Queen". Two other readings were given by other students and Woodrow Wall sang several numbers during the program.

Final exercises of the high school will take place on Thursday morning and that evening as announced in last week's news. The operettas, by the primary and grammar grades, given last Friday evening were colorful and interesting throughout. Bright flowery costumes, in keeping with spring time, added to the interest. An unusually large number of children were used and showed that they had been carefully trained.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Owen were glad to have them last Sunday, the occasion being the baccalaureate sermon by Mr. Owen on Sunday morning. Since the church is still without a pastor, Mr. Owen was secured for the evening service also.

## Mars Hill College Athletic Teams To Have Busy Week

A busy week is scheduled for Mars Hill athletic teams this week with baseball games Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday and a tennis meet Wednesday. The tennis teams leave on Thursday for Madisonville, Tennessee to compete in a tennis tournament.

Wednesday the Mars Hill baseball team will play the Blue Ridge nine on the Hilltoppers field. This is the second time this season that the two teams have met, the first game played by the Mars Hill Varsity, with the Lions winning by 5-0.

Thursday Davidson college freshmen will come to Mars Hill for a game. The first scheduled game between the two teams at Davidson was called off because of the serious illness of Mrs. O. E. Roberts, wife of Coach Roberts of Mars Hill.

Saturday the Lions meet Belmont Abbey in a return game. The first game between the two teams went to the Lions by 7-4. The Lions are favored to make it two straight over the Catholics.

The tennis team meets Textile on the Mars Hill courts Wednesday. In the first meet between the two teams the Pioneers were victorious 4-3. The Lions will be seeking revenge for this defeat when the two teams meet again here Wednesday in what should be a spirited battle.

Thursday morning the racketeers leave for Madisonville to compete in the third annual Southeastern Junior College Tennis Tournament which will be held Friday and Saturday.

## Cooking School Next Week In Marshall and Mars Hill

Attention is called to an advertisement in this issue on the second page. Be sure to read the advertisement about the cooking school.

Twenty miles of rural electric lines are being considered in Orange County with 47 farmers on the new lines pledging themselves to use electric refrigerators.

## To Speak In Marshall

Ralph McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor will speak in the court house in Marshall, Tuesday, May 19, 1936 at 11 A. M.

## Mars Hill Names P. T. A. Heads for Next Year

At the last meeting of the Parent-Teacher association of Mars Hill, last Tuesday evening, R. M. Lee was elected president of the organization for next year.

Other officers elected are: Mrs. Bryson Tilson, vice-president; Miss Mary Fitzgerald, secretary; James Landers, treasurer. Mrs. Bailey principal of the Mars Hill high school, gave a report of the state tests recently held in the Mars Hill schools. He presented charts showing the improvement made in each of the grades.