

**Mountaineer's Meditations**  
By GLEN A. RAMSEY  
"The Lonesome Mountaineer"

**"A LITTLE BOY'S DREAM"**

Once upon a time there was a little boy who was all the time getting big ideas into his head. Even when he was just a little shaver one of his ideas was to drive a school bus. He would watch them whenever they passed and remark to himself, "When I get big I am going to be a school bus driver."

Then came his first day of school and also his first ride on a school bus. Every day he would ride from home to school in the morning and back in the afternoon. He would

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always be up near the front of the bus where he watched every move of the driver, including steering, changing gears, etc., and the idea of driving a school bus grew bigger and bigger until it became a childhood dream. In fact, so big was this dream that it remained with him and grew to be his main ambition. When he grew up, he, of course, proceeded to do everything within his power to realize this desire, but by some means or other he never did get to what he wanted to do more than anything

**Singing Convention**

The Madison County Singing Convention will meet at the Bull Creek Baptist Church, Sunday, May 22, at 2 p. m., on the Marshall-Mars Hill Highway. All singers and the public are invited to attend.

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also—to drive a school bus. It hurt him terribly to think that others kept getting to drive school buses that didn't care about it at all and didn't even like children, but the one thing that hurt most of all was that even though he loved children so much and wanted to be with them, his natural talent was in driving. He never could, it seemed, get a bus.

This went on for about five years until in that length of time you would think his chance would have to come, but it never did, much to the young boy's grief.

As long as school buses are being made and used by the public school system of North Carolina this boy will never stop in his desire to drive a school bus, even if he lives to be a hundred years old, but perhaps one day his chance will come and he will get a chance to prove his ability and so in that way serve his fellowmen.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the boy in this story is none other than yours truly and every word is fact, for this is a true story.

**JOE WORLEY, 82, PASSES SUNDAY; RITES TUESDAY**

Joe Worley, 82, of Big Pine, died at 5:40 a. m., Sunday, May 15, 1955 at his home after a long illness.

He was formerly postmaster at Big Pine for about 35 years and operated a store and was a farmer before he retired.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m., in the Lower Big Pine Baptist Church of which he was a deacon. The Rev. A. P. Sprinkle and the Rev. Everett Sprinkle officiated. Burial was in Worley Cemetery.

Grandsons served as pallbearers and granddaughters as flower bearers.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the church.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Gertie Tweed Worley; three sons, A. E. and Isaac of Big Pine and Marvin of Fletcher; one daughter, Mrs. Dewey Buckner of Weaverville, RFD 1; three brothers, N. T., of Winston-Salem, Lee of Thomasville and Fred of Fletcher; 23 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

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**Mars Hill Boys Win Honors In FFA Contest**

Rosman High School captured first place honors in two of four contests last week to climax the annual Western District Future Farmers of America rally attended by about 500 youths.

In parliamentary procedure, Mars Hill High School won second place honors. Boys on this team were: Larry Brigman, Clifton Robinson, Bruce Phillips, Shelby Buckner, Gerald Tomberlin and J. C. Moss.

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