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LOOKING BACKWARD
From the files of The News-Record

The following items are reprinted from an issue of The News-Record, dated FRIDAY MARCH 28, 1917:

Congress Expected To Declare State Of War
Washington, March 12 — President Wilson today met the constantly increasing probability of war with Germany by summoning congress to assemble in extra-ordinary session, Monday, April 2, two weeks earlier than the date he had chosen before the latest assaults upon American rights on the seas.

When the President addresses congress he is expected to show how a state of war actually has existed for some time because of the unlawful aggressions of German submarines.

Notice!
Ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County — that all taxpayers who were damaged by the flood last July send in a statement of their damages to the Register of Deeds between now and Monday the 19th day of March 1917, as that date is set apart for the examination of all such claims. This the 6th day of March, 1917.
N. B. McDEVITT, Chairman, Board

Hensley-Peoples (Womanless Wedding)
At the public school building on last Saturday night with Minister E. D. Marsh in charge of the ceremonies, Captain H. T. Peoples and Miss Bascombe Hensley, both of Marshall, were united in bonds of matrimony. Miss Harding of Asheville was the bridesmaid, the best man was absent. Flower girls were Misses Jack Ramsey, Bill Haynie, Jack Swann and Emmet Plommons.

The bride is said to be one of the most beautiful and delicate figures. She has blue eyes, curly hair and the least little hands. That's all. We would like to tell more but we can't. Good luck.

Revere Items
Rev. J. N. Audre is holding revival meetings at this place during each night of this week.

Another hound pup has been added to the valuable collection of dogs of Revere. This time it is an English Bassett hound from Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Shad Ramsey have built them a new house. Mr. and Mrs. James McDevitt are also building them a new house.

Messrs. Charney Ramsey, Boyd Ramsey and Bize Gosnell were in Marshall last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ramsey have moved to their new home in Paint Rock.

J. S. LeFevre, Correspondent

E. Zeph Ray was editor of The News-Record and J. H. White was business manager.

Local Items
Mr. Jesse Bailey of Volga was in Marshall Tuesday.

Roy Wall, of Mars Hill, is in Marshall this week trading on pianos.

Rev. W. L. Kayendall lectured for about one and one-half hours at the Baptist Church here Sunday night. His theme was the human heart. The lecture was enjoyed by those who were present.

Balley Hies came over from Big Laurel Thursday.

Ladies Missionary Society Gives Reception
The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church here gave a reception on Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. West. The reception was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. William Randolph and Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Tresser who are preparing to leave Marshall.

Mr. William Randolph has been pastor of the Presbyterian church (Continued on Last Page)

Madison Principal Quits Post After Arrest Here

By LUTHER W. SHAW
Citizen Staff Writer
Asheville Citizen

James A. Wood Monday agreed under pressure of the Madison County Board of Education to resign immediately as principal of Laurel School, a 600-pupil unit in the county's remote northern tip.

Wood, a native of Andrews and once a leading performer in the Cherokee drama, "Unto these Hills," made the announcement standing behind bars of the Madison County jail.

The husky educator, more than six feet three inches tall, was confined in the jail cell about 11 a. m., Monday on a charge of driving intoxicated. He was arrested in the business district on Marshall's main thoroughfare.

A companion riding with him, Leon Prigden, 39, of Asheville, was lodged in the same cell on a charge of public drunkenness.

Wood had been ordered last month by the Madison education body to appear before its members at 10 a. m., Monday to answer charges of disorderly conduct, specifically his alleged "improper conduct, both on and off the job," and charges involving his "drinking habits, associations and general reputation."

However, unknown to Wood, who was on his way to appear before the board, the hearing had been postponed until 10 a. m., Saturday, when some 22 Laurel teachers asked by Wood to appear as defense witnesses would be free to attend.

The Madison Board of Education was in session in the courthouse when word was received by (Continued To Last Page)

WEDNESDAY P. M. CLOSING STARTS HERE NEXT WEEK

Practically all places of business in Marshall are expected to start closing at noon next Wednesday for the half-day holiday. The public is reminded to shop on Wednesday morning before noon.

The Wednesday afternoon closing schedule will continue on each Wednesday through November, W. F. Holland, president of the Marshall Merchants Association, said.

Girl Scout Cookie Orders Delivered In Next 10 Days

Girl Scout cookie orders will be delivered in the Marshall area during the next ten days. On Saturday morning, April 11, Mrs. Dean Shields and her Intermediate Troop will be in Hot Springs to sell cookies in that community. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Bill Hunter and the Brownie Troop will take cookies to the Mars Hill community. All four kinds of cookies will be offered, and each box is 40 cents.

SILAGE AS A PASTURE SAVER

Don Wild and Herbert Wild are firm believers in plenty of silage. Both Don and Herbert have each fed silage to over twenty head of beef steers and cows. They both agree that silage will carry more cattle than any other feed that they can raise. Herber and Don have fed silage throughout the winter and have brought their beef animals through in excellent condition.

The Wild's grew sufficient silage to, not only carry them through the winter, but to carry them through the first few weeks of spring. As Don puts it, "We have enough silage so that we do not have to move our cattle to summer pasture before the pastures get a good start."

TO DELIVER SCOUT COOKIES

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET HERE TUESDAY

R. K. Degenhardt Speaks; Board Members Are Nominated

26 members of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce met at a luncheon-meeting Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church here where plans were made for an organizational meeting on May 12.

C. E. Mashburn, of the nominating committee, cited proposed by-laws of the new organization which will be studied and acted on at the May 12 meeting, also.

He also read a list of 12 proposed candidates for the board of directors of which six of the twelve will be elected to serve on the board. It was also explained that officers of the Chamber will be composed of members of the director's board. Those named as possible directors are L. Richard Mellin, Delmar Payne, W. F. Holland, J. H. Sprinkle, Frank Moore, Leonard Baker, D. M. Robinson, John Corbett, C. L. Rudisill Jr., Dean Shields, Arthur Ledford and S. C. Rudisill.

Mr. Richard K. Degenhardt, executive vice president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the group on the purpose and results of an active Chamber of Commerce. He was accompanied to Marshall by Mr. Ray Brokaw, also of the Asheville C. of C.

Holston Presbytery To Hold Its Spring Meeting April 13

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of Holston will be held on Monday, April 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, N. C., and will be scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m. The Rev. Roger Cousin of Greenville, will be the Moderator. Among the items of business to be discussed will be the summer camps and conferences sponsored jointly by the Presbyteries of Union and Holston. Several of the elders and ministers in this area are expected to be there, among them the Rev. George R. Blue, pastor of the Walnut Presbyterian Church.

Pless Sustains Demurrer Filed In Suit In Asheville

Judge J. Will Pless Jr., sustained a demurrer filed by defendant Carolina Produce Corporation, Sheriff Laurence E. Brown, and Sanford W. Brown Wednesday in Superior Court in Asheville.

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BLOODMOBILE IN HOT SPRINGS ON NEXT MONDAY

The Bloodmobile will be in Hot Springs next Monday. It is sponsored by the Hot Springs Lions Club and the club feels, with the cooperation it received last year and the publicity it has been given so far this year, that Hot Springs can easily exceed the 100 pint mark, which is its goal.

All people in Hot Springs and the western part of Madison County are asked by the Lions Club to participate and come down some time between 1 and 6 p. m., Monday at the Community Building next to the Fire House.

If a person donates a pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Program they will receive a card which will entitle them and their immediate family to secure from the Red Cross any blood they may need within a year. If a person who has donated blood, needs blood from the Red Cross the only charges to them will be the Hospital Administrative Cost and Laboratory Fee. This in itself is enough incentive to bring out more than enough people to reach the 100 pint mark for Hot Springs.

MRS. ROBERTS TO HEAD OES IN MARSHALL

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Roberts will be installed as worthy matron and Wade Huey as worthy patron of Marshall Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, at an open meeting Friday at 8 p. m., in the Masonic Temple here.

Other officers to be installed are Miss Alden Waldrup, associate matron; Joe H. Eads, associate patron; Mrs. Nadynne M. Worley, secretary; Mrs. Winnie B. Wallin, treasurer; Mrs. Ella C. Metcalf, conductress; Mrs. Vaughtan Lee Faulkner, associate conductress; Mrs. Alice B. White chaplain; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sprinkle, marshal; Mrs. Marie Eads, organist; Mrs. Zura E. Metcalf, Adah; Mrs. Sue Mae Rice, Ruth; Mrs. Hazel L. Proffitt, Esther; Mrs. Willie W. Story, Martha; Mrs. Louise B. Huey, E-lecta; Mrs. Kate H. Reed, warden; and Jack Guthrie, sentinel.

Miss Mildred Stines, of Glen Alpine, past matron of Mimosa Chapter No. 269, Morganton, will serve as her sister's installing officer. She will be assisted by Mrs. Freddie Estes, installing marshal; Mrs. Helen Leonard, installing organist, both of Glen Alpine, and Miss Ruth Guthrie, of Walnut, installing chaplain.

April 16 Hearings Set To Consider Bill On Madison School Job

BOARD OF ED. ASKS SUPPORT OF CANIPE BILL

Resolutions and counter-resolutions led the agenda here at a meeting of the Madison County Board of Education.

The controversy arose when board member Zeno H. Ponder came up with a resolution urging support of a bill introduced in the General Assembly last week which would, if enacted, lower requirements for future Madison school superintendents.

William W. Peek, present superintendent, but who has been notified his services will be terminated June 30 when his contract expires, introduced a counter-resolution opposing the board members' measure supporting the legislative bill.

Ponder, who would not name the man he expects the proposed bill to elevate to the superintendent's post, presented his resolution as follows:

"For the betterment of schools in Madison County, we urge state legislators to pass the Canipe Bill (the one introduced last week), pertaining to qualifications for Madison County school superintendents so as to broaden the field from which we can, in our opinion, select the most capable man (Continued to Last Page)

Public Hearing To Be Held Thursday Morning In Raleigh

Raleigh — A public hearing will be held by the Senate Education Committee Thursday morning, April 16, on a bill to lower qualifications for the job of Madison County school superintendent.

This was announced Tuesday by Sen. J. G. Stikeleather Jr., of Buncombe, chairman of the committee. After tentatively planning a hearing for this week, he decided more time was needed to give all interested parties an opportunity to attend.

The hearing will start at 10:30 o'clock in the Education Building. Stikeleather is sending written notification of the hearing to the new Madison County school board. The former board was suddenly liquidated by legislative act last month.

The measure in dispute, which has the opposition of state school authorities, was introduced by Sen. Albert L. Canipe of Mitchell. It would permit a person holding a bachelor's degree to become county superintendent provided he has taught school for two years within the last ten years.

State law requires a superintendent to hold a master's degree and to have taught school at least three years within the last ten before becoming qualified for a superintendent's certificate.

REP. HOLCOMBE EXPLAINS STAND ON CANIPE BILL

According to a release by C. A. Upchurch Jr., Raleigh Bureau reporter, Representative Fred Holcombe, of Madison County stated that he did not sponsor the bill to lower qualifications for the school superintendent in Madison County because "if I'd thought it was a good bill, I'd have introduced it."

When Holcombe declined to introduce the bill, backers of the bill went to Senator Canipe, whose big majority of votes in Madison made him the winner in the general election Senate race.

The hottest official temperature ever recorded was 136.4 in Libya, North Africa.

Madison Group Attends Road Meeting In Columbus Friday

Appeal For Relocated And Improved Highway To Tennessee Line

A group of Marshall men attended the State Highway Commission meeting which was held in the Polk County courthouse in Columbus last Friday. The group appeared before the commission in the interest of an improved or related highway 26-70 from Asheville to the Tennessee State Line.

A. E. Leake was spokesman for the group which included Dean Shields, Leonard Baker, John Gobert and James Story.

In reviewing Madison County's request for relocation of US 36-70 down the French Broad River, Mr. Leake said the present road is the worst in the state.

He pointed out that between April 1955 and February 1957 37 persons were killed in accidents on the road.

"We don't believe we should meet in this manner such a tragic history," he said. "He was backed up in this by the Rev. Frank Ratzell, who came from Asheville, to speak as an individual about this dangerous, miserable road."

"This is a road that is an economic necessity," he said. "It is a safety necessity and a moral necessity. You can't eliminate the feds on the road but you can make it a safe road."

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Pictured above are members of the Marshall Girl Scout Troop who will deliver Girl Scout Cookies this weekend. Front row, l. to r.: Barbara Sue Anthony, Deanna E. Shields, Cecilia Roberts, Rosella Fraby, Linda Webb. Back row: Mary Ann Nesbitt, Connie Cook, Phyllis Niles and Cheryl Davis. Absent when picture was made was Doris Ward. — Staff Photo