

Next Of Fifth Grade Geography Ridicules This Area

BIOGRAPHY GEORGE C. MARSHALL Soldier, Secretary of State

This is the first of a series of biographies that will be featured on the feature page of the Mountaineer each Friday.



GEORGE C. MARSHALL

General of the Army Eisenhower.

In recognition of his services, President Truman personally presented to General Marshall the Distinguished Service Medal he had won in World War I.

The accompanying citation said that Marshall gave the nation victory in World War II. It credited him with:

Got Funds for A-Bomb "The vision that brought into being the greatest military force in history."

Greater influence than any other man on the strategy of victory because he could make the Allies understand this country's true potentiality in personnel and materiel.

Being "the master proponent of a ground assault across the English Channel into the plains of single Supreme Allied Commander."

Preventing the Japanese from becoming entrenched in their stolen empire by insisting on maintaining unremitting pressure against them.

Obtaining from Congress "the stupendous sums that made possible the atomic bomb, while knowing that failure would be his full responsibility."

The citation concluded: "Statesman and soldier, he had courage, fortitude and vision, and best of all a rare self-effacement. He has been a tower of strength as counselor to two Commanders in Chief. His standards of character, conduct and efficiency inspired the entire Army, the nation and the world. To him, as much as to any individual, the United States owes its future. He takes his place at the head of the great commanders of history."

Made Secretary of State General Marshall's hopes of retiring to his home at Leesburg, Va., after the hard war years were short lived. A few months after his retirement, President Truman sent him as his personal envoy to China, with the rank of ambassador, to "offer" his services as a "mediator" in the civil strife.

Marshall labored for 12 months in a vain attempt to settle the differences between the Central Government and the Chinese Communists, a problem that all classes of Chinese agreed was unsolvable.

Early in 1947 President Truman appointed General Marshall as Secretary of State, giving the nation's foremost soldier the primary role in solving the problems (Continued on Page Three)



Library Notes By MARGARET JOHNSTON County Librarian

BETTER LIVING For Better Homes

Spears—Painting Patterns for Home Decorators. Terhune—Decorating for You. Burris - Meyer—Decorating Livable Homes. Hardy—How To Make Your House a Home. Wills—Better Houses for Budgeters. Williams—Small Home of Tomorrow. Good Housekeeping Housekeeping book.

For Better Gardens

Foley—Vegetable Gardening in Color. Jenkins—Enjoy Your House Plants. Chabot—Greenhouse Gardening for Everyone. Jenkins—Annual Flowers. Hedrick—Fruits for the Home Garden. Hiddle—Flower Arrangement. Westcott—Gardener's bug Book. For Better Entertainment Sprackling—Setting Your Table. Gardner—Happy Birthdays to You. Fite—Cokesbury Shower Book. Bels—Betty Betz Party Book. Powers—Party Tables. Allen—Table Service.

Better Kitchens

Wallace—Just for Two. Bookmeyer—Candy and Candy-making. Farmer—Boston Cooking School Cook Book. Bradley—Menu-Cook-Book. Good Housekeeping Cook Book.

Buried Five Months, Turtle Gets Reprieve

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UP) — A pet turtle, buried for five months in a two-foot grave, was dug up and found to be very much alive. Told to get rid of the turtle, eight-year-old Skipper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Copenhaver, dug a hole, deposited the turtle, and put a marker over the spot for future exploration. Five months passed and Skipper began digging under the marker. He found the turtle still blinking. The turtle was allowed to return to the Copenhaver home.

APPLE DAY PERPETUATED

SALEM, Oreg. (UP) — A Washington's birthday tradition started by Salem's late mayor, Joseph Swartz, was observed for the 49th time this year. Mayor Schwartz started in 1899, giving each school child in town a red apple on February 22. His daughter, Mrs. Christine Delinck, has carried on the custom since his death in 1946.

Haganah Trains For Arab War



USING THE RUINS of a bombed building in Jerusalem as a shelter, members of the Palmach, striking force of the Haganah, train for the major Arab attack, which appears to be getting under way.

Schools Using A Book That Shows Author Unfamiliar With This Section

Even Spelling In Book Is Wrong; Teachers And Pupils Confused Over Text

The fifth grades of North Carolina are using a geography book that not only misrepresents the facts but cannot even spell simple words. These facts were ascertained this week after a careful study of the section pertaining to the Appalachian area.

The text of the book leaves the students and teachers in a bewildered frame of mind, because both know better than what is presented in the book.

The geography gives the impression that Western North Carolina is still a wilderness, with the people living in small two room log cabins. The book says in this connection, "many of the newer homes are being built of lumber instead of logs."

The text pertaining to this entire area is being published here in full in order that our readers may know just what is being taught in the fifth grades of North Carolina.

In the region of the Appalachians, there is a long belt of lower country extending northeast and southwest which, because it is in general lower than the land on either side, is called the "Appalachian Valley". The part of this great "Trough" in Tennessee is called the Valley of East Tennessee, and the part in Virginia is called the Shenandoah Valley. The Appalachian Valley really is not a single valley at all. It consists in places of many northeast-southwest mountain ridges separate from one another by valleys. In other places it is a jumble of hills and valleys. There are farm lands in the valley bottoms and on the gentler slopes, and there are forests, pastures, and here and there small patches of tilled land on the higher hills and ridges. Few places in the "valley" are out of sight of wooded hills, and from many of the higher points you could see to the westward the forested edge of the great plateau, and to the eastward the upper slopes of the forested mountains, half-hidden perhaps in the lovely blue haze which suggested the name of Blue Ridge Travel "up and down" the "valley," that is, to the northeast or southwest, is in most sections made easy by good roads. On the other hand, travel "across" it is in many cases difficult, for in that direction the roads are fewer, poorer, and in many places steep.

If you were to travel through the Appalachian Valley you would find more cultivated land in corn than in any other crop. Some of the corn is used as food for the people. On the farms that are far from railroad shipping points, much is used to fatten hogs and cattle which are to be "sold on the hoof". Along the railroads and some of the better wagon roads, much corn is shelled and marketed. More and more land is being used for hay and forage crops.

Smoky FFA Chapter To Hold Father Son Banquet

Waynesville High FFA Boys To Hold Annual Banquet Tonight

Smoky Mountain chapter of Future Farmers of America will hold the annual father and son banquet at 7 o'clock tonight in the Hazelwood school cafeteria, it is announced by John Nesbitt, agricultural teacher at Waynesville high school. The FFA boys, their fathers, business men and agricultural leaders will be present.

The meal will be prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Rufus Siler and Mrs. Herbert Buchanan, and served by the Home Economics girls.

Opening the program will be the group singing of "God Bless America," after which Rev. L. Young will speak the invocation. Wade F. Francis will extend the welcome, and Mr. Charlie Francis will make the response.

Accomplishments during the last year will be reported by Mark Hollingsworth, and Pink Francis will speak on what vocational agriculture has meant to me, Mr. Nesbitt will introduce guests, and Supt. Jack Messer will make the principal address. A movie will be shown at the close of the program.

Much land is so steep that it is hard to keep the soil from washing away if the fields are tilled. Hay and forage crops require little tillage, and their tangled roots help to hold the soil on the hillsides. Some of them, for example alfalfa and sweet clover, can send their roots deep into the ground to get the moisture they need. The growing of the two hay crops mentioned also tends to increase the fertility of the soil. Many farmers use part of their land to grow

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wheat, though in general the yields which they obtain are not high. Some of the soils are not good for wheat, and when the grain is ripening the weather, especially toward the south, is likely to be too moist and too warm for it. A little cotton is grown as a "money crop" in the southern part of the valley of East Tennessee, though the growing season there is almost too short for it, it must be planted early in order to mature, and if a spring is late and wet, many farmers grow some other crop in its place that year. Early frosts may greatly reduce the yield of cotton, and for the most part it is grown on the higher, better-drained fields, where it matures more rapidly than it would on the moist bottom lands, and where there is less danger of early frosts. Most of the cotton produced in the "valley" is grown in districts where the roads are poor. It may pay to haul cotton rather long distances over rough roads to a market when it would not pay to haul cheaper and bulkier crops, such as corn or hay. This district is of course outside of the "cotton belt". Here and there throughout the Appalachian Valley tobacco is (Continued on Page Four)

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