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Another Camp School.

Another bright jewel in the magnificent crown of educational institutions for Brevard—a camp school for girls. All should rejoice in the acquisition, credit for which is due Miss Katherine Erwin, who left no stone unturned in an effort to show to best advantage the unexcelled desirability of this section for such an institution. In this connection we would feel it derelict to one of our highest duties as a newspaper did we fail to exercise this opportunity to commend Miss Erwin for the spirit and determination which directed her in this good work. But it was only in keeping with her modest though commendable public-spiritedness and love for doing good, another notable evidence of which was recently recorded in her efforts in behalf of the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seals. Herein are examples of praiseworthy useful service deserving of emulation by numbers of young men and women in Brevard who are frittering their time and energies away with trifling things that will redound neither to the good of the community nor individual.

Our New Road Law.

The new road law for Transylvania as given in the News last week was received, studied and discussed with considerable interest because it is a radical departure from the old order of things.

In addition to any political significance that may be attached to the new road law, it will be both commended and disapproved by men of all parties, and for several reasons in that it is a bill touching an important subject. The law represents ripe judgment in a number of its phases and probably oversights in others.

While some will object to conferring full road authority upon appointive officers and taking such out of the hands of the county commissioners, who were elected to take charge of such matters, others see in this a wise provision and a long stride toward progressive road building. The county commissioners have plenty to which they advantageously can turn their attention in behalf of the county without being monthly stormed with distractive road matters.

Far-seeing politicians probably see imaginary issues appear on the political horizon but with a level-headed republican on the board with two competent democrats and a republican attorney for the board it is about as free of politics as it could possibly be.

Wisely no provision is made for the election or appointment of successors to the present board after a period of four years. If they can get any money to spend they will enter upon a program of progressive road building and they will through necessity do many things which will place them in more or less disfavor during the next three or four years for the reason that many citizens will oppose them in their road building, therefore, matters not how efficient their service, they could not be elected soon, but passing years will add gradually to their popularity and at the end of four years they will be held in popular favor by the people who will be grateful that they have good roads to travel.

Two farmers against one business man on the board was another good stroke and especially that one of them comes from a section through which the road to Toxaway leads, for they need and will of course demand road improvement in that direction.

Another good feature of the law is the provision for a road supervisor, without whom the greatest possible good could not be accomplished with the money to be expended.

If the county is to enter upon a road building program it is nothing but right that the county commissioners be relieved of this road work and its many responsibilities for they have plenty to do without this. A road commission without authority in these matters would at times be at cross purposes with the authorities and as a result there would be differences, political and otherwise, that would not contribute to the efficiency of road administration, therefore we are glad to see a radical change in matters of road building.

Regret has been expressed that no limitation was put on the amount of money the commissioners should spend but it is highly probable that all they can get their hands on will not be out of proportion to our needs. Further regret has been expressed that while an annual published statement is required a detailed one is not ordered. Some sections feel uneasy about the lack of provision for an equitable or proportionate distribution of work in the various townships. Others see an oversight in the absence of a provision making all the records a public matter and some think the commissioners, however honorable, should be under bond to guarantee proper administration.

All in all, the law appears to us to be a splendid one and the small defects to which attention has been called, we trust, will not result in any miscarriage in the work to be done. The county is to be congratulated upon having such a business-like and progressive board to manage its road matters.

The new county law does not provide for a bond issue but the News is living in hopes of an increased revenue under a general state road law. Probably our own funds will be supplemented by ten or fifteen thousand dollars from the government.

The News welcomes the change, which will doubtless place the author, Mr. G. W. Wilson, in disfavor for a while, but in years to come most of us will congratulate him upon his good judgment in the matter and probably clamor for a monument to the pioneer road builder.

We have the legal machinery for better roads. We need the money with which to build them and it behooves all classes of people who desire to see a better day and would welcome improved conditions in about all stations in life, to bend their energies toward plans for raising revenue for entering upon a progressive road building era in Transylvania.

HONOR ROLL OF NEWS DURING PAST WEEK

New Subscribers

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U. C. Harwell.....Brevard
Miss Sue Cannon.....Brevard

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NEW PROHIBITION REMEDY

C. C. Patton when in town Saturday told the News of his idea of a prohibition measure. Mr. Patton says that disfranchisement for drunkenness would be the best of all remedies.

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ASHEVILLE MAN'S WEIGHT DROPPED 55 LBS. HE SAYS

Norton Comes Into Health After Decade of Suffering and Thanks Tanlac

"I used so much medicine without getting relief that I became disgusted," said J. M. Norton, of 149 Depot street, Asheville.

"After learning about Tanlac, however, my conscience would not let me rest until I had given it a trial.

"Every cloud, they say, has a silver lining. I find mine in Tanlac.

"One bottle of this wonderful medicine worked a complete change in my condition. It went directly to the seat of my trouble, it seems, and started to free my system of those terrible mucus formations. My chest is not sore. I have been able to eat more and gain strength and weight from the long needed sustenance.

"Gratefulness prompts me to publicly announce the benefits I have gained from Tanlac and I will be pleased if my story will help but a single sufferer."

For the past decade Mr. Norton was a victim of catarrh. During the last twelve months of this period Mr. Norton was incapacitated for work and fell off in weight from 190 pounds to 135 pounds.

Genuine Tanlac is sold in Brevard at the Duckworth Pharmacy; Hendersonville by Hunter's Pharmacy.—Advertisement.

SOLD THREE OVERLANDS

The Brevard Motor company has sold Overland cars to Robert Kilpatrick, Dr. J. H. McLean and George Morgan within the past few weeks.

Lots for sale. See W. P. Mackey, Pisgah Forest. 1-5-4tp.

BUILD A FLUME, THEN

(From Hendersonville Hustler)

The Hendersonvill Hustler keeps on sniffing to see if it can't smell a cotton mill smoke stack somewhe e among they aircastles of the town. Come up to Brevard about next July and we will show you what a 150 foot brick stack smells like.—Brevard News.

No neighbor its not the smoke stack we long to see. Cotton mills have long abolished such things when they can secure such cheap water power as Henderson county affords.