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Camp Sapphire and French Broad Camp, two summer camp schools for boys, are reaching the last days of another successful season.

"Gee, if Hendersonville only had the Atlantic ocean or the Gulf of Mexico backed up to its backyard what a chance for a fine display in bathing suits," rejoices the Hendersonville Hustler over the big crowd of visitors.

Expensive Bad Roads.

Transylvania is suffering immeasurably from its bad roads. Aside from what it is costing the farmers and other home people to travel over bad roads, the biggest cost is coming this summer in the way of loss in tourist travel.

Recent rains have made the roads between Hendersonville and Brevard almost impassable. These bad roads constitute a great barrier between Brevard and the auto-tourists, the number of which is increasing rapidly as is evidenced by the remarkably great number in Hendersonville, from which point a system of good roads radiate.

A few home people as well as visitors are chagrined over the situation. We were impressed Tuesday in a telephonic conversation with Mr. L. B. Houston of Greenville, who expressed regret, disappointment and humiliation over the condition of our roads as he found them on a week-end visit to Brevard.

Transylvania is suffering and the sooner the people wake up to this fact the better.

The ox and cart may trundle along satisfactorily over our roads but we have been ushered into the automobile era and the better the roads for automobiles the more worthy for the farmer.

Send-off for Boys;

Red Cross Dances

Transylvania's first quota of young men under the selective army draft will soon bid farewell to home folks. What shall be the manner of their departure? How shall we show our appreciation of the great sacrifice they are being called upon to make on behalf of our country?

Would a farewell dance be appropriate? That's the manner in which we

sent off some of the volunteers. The News is keenly aware of the fact that neither words nor actions should be of a kind to make the boys heavy hearted, but since dancing is a form of amusement the innocence of which is seriously questioned by a large number of Christian people and since we are told that this is a war for humanity, why should we honor it with the questionable farewell?

While on this question we can not see the justification for linking the "cross" and the "ball" in the Red Cross balls or dances. The Red Cross society is doing a very Christ like work and evinces to a remarkable degree the spirit of Christ, but who can by the greatest stretch of the imagination see anything Christ like in the modern dance?

Can't we give our departing boys and the Red Cross something more in keeping with the Christ like spirit than is ordinarily found in the dance?

This is an era of seriousness and prayer rather than levity and utter abandon.

FOREST FIRES ARE CONSTANT MENACE

PEOPLE SHOULD ORGANIZE TO PREVENT RUTHLESS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

BIG FIRES HARD TO SUBDU

Farmers in One Rural District Have Prevented Serious Losses by Organizing.

The following extract from the Mill Springs correspondent of the Polk County News and Tryon Bee again calls attention to the constant menace to life and the enormous damage to property incident to forest fires:

"A destructive fire has been raging on White Oak Mountain for several days. Our people should organize themselves in different ways to prevent such ruthless destruction of our forests by ignorant and evil minded persons. Owing to the strong winds at this time of the year, it is very difficult to subdue such fires when once they get started."

In a recent issue of Farm and Fireside a story appears telling of the organization of a farmers fire league which was organized by a California community and has proved a valuable asset to farmers and property owners in hitherto much menaced locality.

It was at Oakdale, a rural district in California, which was in the midst of a well timbered section where the scenery was very attractive and was a favorite place for campers during the pleasant weather. One fall after an unusual amount of destruction had been wrought by fires the Farmers' Fire League was organized. A social was given, which every one attended and the first funds for the society were raised. Axes, long handled rakes and hoes and other implements were procured and distributed at the various small shacks but as fire fighting stations in convenient places. On a high hill they established a "lookout" and the simplest of telephone systems, also a comprehensive code of signals. At the first appearance of fire notice was given all along the line and league members from far and near rallied at the danger points. When necessary day and night brigades were formed.

The successful work of the league interested others and it has grown continuously since the autumn of 1912 when it was formed and losses by fire since that time have been exceedingly small in the district covered and there is a feeling of security which formerly was absent.

JOE TINSLEY BUILDS HOUSE

Joe Tinsley has recently been putting the finishing touches to his new house on the extension of Maple street. It is a handsome nine room cottage built on a high basement of cobblestone walls and weatherboarded with shingles. The house is attractive beyond the ordinary and adds materially to its part of town, recently taken into the incorporated limits.

Something to sell means something to advertise.

The Land of My Three Daughters

By Ellia Parker Butler of the Vigilantes

I HAVE one son and three daughters. They will be part of the America that will exist when I am dead.

They are what I have given to that America of the near future. I have three brothers and four sisters and a wife and four children. Not one of us four brothers has had military training.



ELLIA PARKER BUTLER.

I have never fired a gun larger than a .22 caliber target rifle. In case of war—sudden war—we would be about as able to do our share in protecting our sisters and children and property and rights as a pink-eyed white rabbit would be able to protect its brood against a fox.

I want to save my son that shame. I want him to be trained to do his part in protecting his sisters and himself, so that when any nation thinks again of insulting and abusing America it will see an America with every able bodied man an able soldier.

Universal Service

By Robert W. Chambers of the Vigilantes.

UNIVERSAL military service is a natural part of every citizen's education. Instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic is no more important than instruction in how to take care of one's self and one's birthright in the face of unprovoked and brutal aggression.

The art and service involved in this can no more be learned overnight than can any art or service. It is purely a matter of instruction, of study, of practice, and should be considered such in the general plans for the symmetrical education of American youth.



ROBERT W. CHAMBERS.

It is time to repeat that a year of service is little enough to give to our common country; that the least a young man could do is to learn how to keep what he has inherited, defend what he holds in trust.

But to defend anything one must first learn the science of self protection and afterward acquire the art of protecting others.

Any American with any real love for the motherland—with any real love for the helpless ones dependent upon his ability to stand between them and the ruthless fury of barbarism—knows in his mind—if he has any—in his heart—if he has any—that the only safety for his native land, his family, himself, lies in the democratic solution of the problem—universal service.

WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

By Joseph Altscheler of the Vigilantes.

ARRIVED in Vienna one night late in July, 1914. The streets were filled with young men, singing, dancing, shouting and expressing joy in many ways.

It all seemed very far away from my country. A war in southeastern Europe could not affect us, and Americans could go on in the ways of peace, ignoring cannon and rifles.

But Russia undertook to defend Serbia. Germany, the ally of Austria-Hungary, promptly declared war upon Russia, and also attacked and invaded France, the ally of Russia. But it still seemed very far from America, and we could go on with the ways of peace.

Belgium was devoted to peace, but it was overrun by the German army. Its people were slaughtered and its cities burned. But that was still very far away from us, and we could go on in the ways of peace, ignoring the cannon and the rifles.

Great Britain was drawn in. The war came a little nearer and spread upon the sea. But it was yet far away and would never touch us. We could sleep in peace. These matters did not concern us.

But we awoke suddenly from our dream. The little fire that had been started in southeastern Europe had spread all over the world. Although we withdrew steadily from the flames, they reached out for us as steadily. Now we cannot avoid them if we would, and we must fight fire with fire.

As the world comes more closely together what affects one is likely to affect all. Isolation is no security, and in reality there is no isolation. Doing everything our self respect admits to avoid it, we are nevertheless drawn into war.

THREE SCHOOLS OPEN

The public school at Blantyre opened on Monday with J. I. Osteen as principal and Miss Mar Orr as assistant.

The two colored public schools of the county, at Brevard and Glad creek, also opened on Monday.

The Beauty Secret.

Ladies desire that irresistible charm—a good complexion. Of course they do not wish others to know a beautifier has been used so they buy a bottle of

Magnolia Balm

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Advertisement for Safety Deposit Vaults. Text: 'The Careful man knows that his papers and valuables are safe when he places them in our Safety Deposit Vaults. Are yours safe?' Includes illustration of a man in a suit sitting at a desk.

Advertisement for Ancient Days jewelry. Text: 'The slave was honored by giving him or her fetters of gold, and so the necklace and bracelet and ring and all circles of gold or silver for personal adornment grew to ornaments. Our line of modern fetters in gold and silver is complete.' Includes illustration of jewelry.

Advertisement for Nuxated Iron. Text: 'Nuxated Iron Makes Strong, Vigorous, Iron Men and Beautiful Healthy Rosy Cheeked Women.' Includes illustration of a man and a woman.

Advertisement for Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School. Text: 'State Co-Educational Institution for the Training of Teachers. A six-year course in regular high school and junior college subjects.' Includes contact information for A. C. Reynolds.