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## STIRRING CALL TO PATRIOTIC SERVICE

**One Who Has Been There Tells in a Graphic Manner The Sad Story of His Native Land. Cruelty of the Germans etc.**

One of the largest audiences ever assembled in the Transylvania court house met there on last Saturday afternoon to hear Dr. Adolphus Vermont tell the story of Belgium's part in the great war.

Dr. Vermont is a native of Belgium who several years ago came to this country and is now a naturalized American citizen and has been for some time a member of the faculty of the State University.

At the beginning of the war he was visiting in his native land and thus was able to give his listeners first-hand pictures of how the Huns were toying with the fair and peaceful country of Belgium. With finely chosen words and dramatic sincerity of expression the speaker was able to make his hearers feel as he himself felt. His declaration that Belgium confidently expected the great American flag to support her in this death struggle for the same principles on which the United States was founded brought round after round of applause.

Dr. Vermont was followed by Commissioner Hyder Ramsey, of Asheville, who stated that the best way for those who could not render military service to help the cause of liberty was by lending money, no matter how small the sum, to Uncle Sam.

Mr. Ramsey was followed by Mrs. Chas. M. Platt, of Asheville, who in a short talk sparkling with wit and mirth-provoking anecdotes urged the women present to conserve food, buy Liberty Bonds, and support the government even though they couldn't vote. "Better," said she, "fight like the guerilla for America than be a franchised citizen of any other nation under the sun!"

Mrs. C. B. Deaver then made a forceful appeal in behalf of the Transylvania Liberty Loan Committee of which she is chairman.

The program was closed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and America led by Mrs. Patrick N. Simons. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. C. Seagle.

## FROM "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE." INTERESTING

March 4, 1918. Greeting to you who are now in the land of the free. I am in the Republic of France at last. I wish I could tell you something that you would want to know in regard to my trip from the States. It might be exciting to some of you to undergo a similar experience.

I had not unloaded from the ship when I found on the wharf below me an old friend that I have known for years. I came out to the place where I now am and there I found a Mr. McCants, who spent quite a while in Brevard last spring. Then in one of the "Y's" here there is a Miss Rogers I knew before I left home and this is what we "Sammys" want, is to see somebody from home.

I find more boys from North Carolina than from any other state. Some of you know Ralph Arbogast, of Asheville. He came to see me this morning.

Well, I guess it will be some time before I get to see you people again, and now while I am still thinking of that sea-sickness, I am debating whether I shall attempt to cross the ocean again or remain here for all time. Of course when I get to feeling better over the "ocean's seasaw" and peace is made I'll come back to those "hills of home, sweet home."

RALPH R. FISHER.

## BREVARD GRADED SCHOOL BOND ISSUE PENDING

There is every argument in favor of the Brevard graded school bond issue and there is not one argument that could be substantially supported against the issue. To have the bond issue would mean that Brevard graded school could have a state aided high school department with approximately \$1,200 above the present amount provided by the district. The \$1,200 would be provided by the county board of education and the state board of education. Further the school would be in a position to get federal aid for vocational training which is now so greatly in demand and must come or the world will be a heavy loser. Another most decided advantage would be in having a grammar school building and also a high school building. It is self evident that the present building is totally inadequate for a town of the size of Brevard.

As the law most emphatically provides the amount of the bond issue cannot exceed \$25,000 and must positively be paid off in full on or before the expiration of 20 years after issue, and to do this a sinking fund will be provided. The rate of interest on the bonds cannot exceed 6%. The amount of the bond issue automatically fixes the rate of taxation which can never exceed 23 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Therefore the rate of taxation in the Brevard district will certainly always be much less than rate specified in the order, as that amount of tax will hardly be needed to float the issue.

The citizens of the Brevard district number one know their needs, so let me, as your county superintendent of public instruction, appeal to you each and all to come out on the date of April 13th and support the bond issue.

Most cordially yours,  
A. F. Mitchell,  
County Supt.

## Storm Victims Trust God and the Red Cross

Men, Women and Children Are Stoical in Their Losses of Loved Ones and Homes—Kiddies Brave.

By CHARLES LEE BRYSON.

A firm belief in a protecting Providence, and in the Red Cross as one of the chosen agents of that Providence, was one of the first things that confronted a visitor to Mattoon and Charleston after the terrible tornado which swept across both cities in the spring. This attitude was best exemplified in a middle-aged man I found amid the ruins of Mattoon, but in varying degrees it was shown by almost every grown person I questioned.

I encountered this man in the very heart of the wrecked district. He sat on a little heap of timbers. Beside him lay the crushed frame and wheels of an inexpensive baby cab. All around him were boards, splinters, bricks, bits of bedding and household furniture—grist that had gone through the mill of the storm miller. I asked him if he had been in the storm—though his arm in splints and the lump on his head were evidence that he had.

"Yes, this was my house," he replied simply.

"Did you lose anyone?"  
"Oh, yes. My baby and my five-year-old were killed. My wife and four others got hurt, but they're getting better."

I expressed my sympathy and added:

"And yet it seems to me you're lucky that anyone at all is left. I don't see how a cat could come alive through such a wreck as this."

"It was God watched over them," he answered earnestly. "I always asked him to look after them, and he did. He took the ones he wanted, and left the ones he didn't want yet."

Having no argument against his philosophy, I inquired after the injured wife and children.

"Oh, the Red Cross is caring for them," he replied brightly. "They are surely doing a good work. Doctors and

## REV. J. C. OWEN CANNOT ACCEPT CALL

**Mars Hill Minister, Who Was Call to Pastorate of the Brevard Baptist Church Reluctantly Declines Offer.**

Mars Hill, N. C., April 1, 1918. The Brevard News:

Since I cannot write a personal letter to all my Brevard friends, I will thank you for the privilege of saying a word through your paper.

I deeply appreciate the invitation from the Brevard Baptist church to become their pastor again. We were simply overwhelmed with joy when the splendid delegation came over to urge our acceptance of the call. After they left Mrs. Owen and I sat, like the Jews by the river of Babylon, and wept with downright homesickness for Zion.

Brevard is one of the most delightful little towns I have ever seen, and her splendid patriotism commends her everywhere. I know of no section of the country that has given more sons to the cause for which we fight today than has Transylvania. This is a matter of unspeakable joy to every loyal son of hers.

The opportunities offered in Brevard and the surrounding country for Christian service are most inviting, and the warmth of friendships most compelling. But we are held here with ties that cannot be broken at this time.

With devotion and fervent prayers for your divine guidance, I am,  
Most sincerely yours,  
J. R. Owen.

## MRS. J. J. SHIPMAN PASSES AWAY

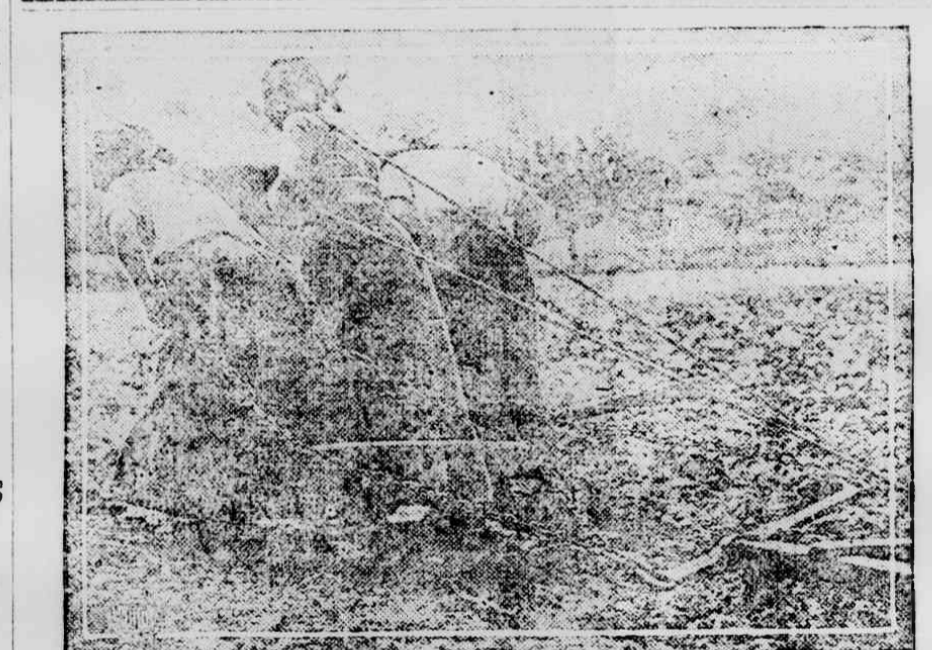
**After an Illness of Some Months Well-Known Lady Goes to Her Reward.**

After a long and lingering illness Mrs. J. J. Shipman, mother of our banker, T. H. Shipman, passed away on Wednesday, April 3. The funeral was held at the Baptist church, of which the deceased was an honored and consistent member, on Thursday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. R. Owen, of Mars Hill.

In addition to the one son, Thos. H. Shipman, the deceased leaves four daughters, Misses Mamie, Rose and Annie, and Mrs. Ida Bryant. It is hoped a more extended notice of this worthy lady will be furnished the News later on.

## COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AND PATRIOTIC DAY APRIL 12TH

Let me urge all the county school officials and citizens to please bear in mind that the burden of a successful program rests upon you. I hope that the largest body of people that ever gathered in Brevard will present themselves for the whole program as already published. Read the program over and over till you are thoroughly familiar with it, then come and help carry it out. Come running over with every demonstration of patriotism. Yours for success,  
A. F. Mitchell,  
County Supt.



## HEROIC WOMEN OF FRANCE

DR. ALONZO TAYLOR

My words are not powerful enough to do even scanty justice to the most heroic figure in the modern world, and of past ages—the woman of France. Of the healthy men who are engaged in the military service in France, practically all are engaged either in transportation or in the manufacture of munitions, leaving the agriculture absolutely to the women. Not only this, but they have stepped into the place of work animals; you can go into any section of France today and see women of magnificent, noble womanhood hunched to the plough and cultivating the soil. All of the agriculture rest upon their shoulders. The home, always an extremely efficient home, maintains a few old men, the wounded and the tubercular. Uncomplaining, with high devotion, with an attitude that amounts almost to religious exaltation, the woman of France bears the burden.

Now, conditions being as they are, does it lie within the heart of the American people to preserve and hold to every convenience of our life at the expense of adding an additional burden to the womanhood of France? This is the exact question that is involved in our substitution of other cereals in place of wheat.

The women of France must be enabled to hold up the morale of the French soldier until next spring. The morale of the house decides the morale of the soldier in the fighting line. We can do this by giving to them the greatest possible freedom in their food supply, and of this, wheat is the chief factor.

## SACRIFICIAL CONSCIOUSNESS MUST COME TO ALL BEFORE WAR IS WON

Raleigh.—"A war consciousness—a sacrificial consciousness—must and will come to every individual unit of our people before this war is won." This conviction was expressed by United States Food Administrator Henry A. Page who has just returned from a conference of State Food Administrators with Mr. Hoover and his staff at Washington.

"There must be a reconstruction of our personal relations and of our attitude. Our relations and attitude must be determined by a consideration of their influence upon the winning of the war."

"There must be intensified effort in every phase of life."

"We must not only substitute but we must economize. We must eat less, wear less, spend less money for non-essentials, conserve not only food-stuffs and clothing but labor as well. Every hour of man-power should be made to produce as nearly as possible 100 per cent efficiency toward the winning of the war."

"This war consciousness must come. If it doesn't come before, it will come when our casualty lists begin to come in showing a loss of several hundred brave American boys each day. If not before, it will come when a large proportion of women you see on the streets will be wearing black for boys who have fallen 'Over there.'"

"And then, America will begin to fight—as England and France are fighting today."

## DAVIDSON RIVER SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL CLUB

We had with us Tuesday morning of this week Mr. Lawrence, the county demonstrator, and also Mr. Scott, of Raleigh, a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Scott addressed the student body and club, telling us about the work in the state and county and giving to us information and instruction along this line, after which we organized the Agricultural Club of 18 members.

Herman Brainard was elected president; Robert Allison, vice-president; Walter Shopill, secretary-treasurer.  
Walter Sherill, Sec.

## DEATH OF JAMES L. THOMAS

On Thursday, March 22, Henderson county lost one of her best citizens in the person of James L. Thomas, who died at his home at Blantyre, at the ripe age of seventy-five years, after an illness of eleven days.

Mr. Thomas was born December 9, 1843, was married to Miss Davie Hadden about forty-five years ago, and spent his entire life near Blantyre. He was a staunch Christian, having joined the Baptist church at Pleasant Grove over forty years ago, and lived up to his profession until called home by his Master. He was loved and respected by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed by the whole community as he never missed an opportunity to do a favor for any of his neighbors.

The deceased was the father of ten children, six of whom and a devoted wife survive him. The surviving children are: Mrs. Sprucon Hamlin, Mrs. Columbus Orr, Mrs. Wesley Allen, William, Willet and Everett Thomas. In addition to these he is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. K. Osborne, of this place.

The funeral was conducted on Friday, March 23, at the home of the deceased by the Rev. Mr. Morris, who spoke in very high terms of his beloved friend and neighbor.

The remains were carried to Pleasant Grove cemetery, only a short distance away, and laid to rest beneath a blanket of beautiful flowers.

## SUCCESS ATTENDS EFFORTS DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY

The Transylvania Chapter U. D. C. expects to announce in the next issue of the News the plans for the new Rest Room. So far every request of the committee has met with success. The commissioners, the town council and the draftsmen have gladly assumed their share of the work.

Sons of Veterans and others who subscribed to the Transylvania Confederate Woman's Memorial are invited to send their contributions to Mrs. H. L. Wilson, sec-treas. of the Rest Room committee. Several contributions of ten dollars each have already been made to this worthy cause by Confederate Veterans.

## SWEATERS GIVEN TO TRANSYLVANIA SOLDIERS

Six Transylvania boys were called by the local exemption board on Monday for immediate departure to Camp Jackson to begin their military training. They are:

Robert Thomas Allison, Ernest Pinkey Fowler, Clyde Case, Robert Peabuff, John Luna Saunders, Chas. Hastings Slaton.

Each new member of the National Army was given a regulation sweater by the Transylvania Red Cross.

## BREVARD TO HAVE A FLOUR MILL

**A Flour, Corn and Rye Mill for Brevard. Capacity for Flour 25 Barrels per Day. In Time for Present Growing Crops.**

Messrs. Jack Burnette and A. M. Verdery have just placed an order with the Anglo American Mills, Owensboro, Ky. for a flour, corn and rye mill. The flour mill will have a capacity of twenty-five barrels per day and is modern and up-to-date. The machinery will be shipped the first of May and will be installed in time to grind the present crop of wheat.

A flour mill will be a great help to the farmers of Transylvania county as they can get all their grain ground at home. The government has recently permitted an increase from \$2.20 to \$2.50 per bushel, on wheat.

## SOCIOLOGICAL CONGRESS CONVENES APRIL 14-17

The Southern Sociological Congress will be held in Birmingham, Ala., April 14-17, 1918. The object of this congress is to mobilize the leadership of the south in a win-the-war drive for health, food and labor. Noted speakers from all over the country will be there and speak on these all important subjects.

Rev. C. D. Chapman has been appointed a delegate from Brevard.

## JAMES R. NEILL ACCIDENTLY KILLED

It is seldom that we are called upon to chronicle a death of so sad a nature as that of James R. Neill, aged 45 years. As usual on last Friday night he went to his work at the Pisgah Forest tannery. A part of the machinery broke and a piece of the same struck Mr. Neill and broke his neck. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. Neill leaves a wife and six children. The daughters are Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. John Morris. Sons are Harden, grown, and three small boys. He leaves several sisters and brothers. His wife's maiden name was Miss Louise Shipman, a daughter of the late William Shipman and sister of county commissioner Shipman. He was a faithful and highly honored member of the I. O. O. F. and the J. O. A. M. His funeral was conducted on Monday by Rev. W. E. Poovey and was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. The burial was by the Odd Fellows.

## I. O. O. F. Resolutions.

Resolved That, Whereas Almighty God in His wisdom has taken from us our beloved brother James R. Neill, therefore be it resolved

First, That Conestee Lodge No. 237, I. O. O. F. has lost one of its most faithful members.

Second, That we extend to his bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy in this, their loss, of a kind husband and a loving father, and we commend them into the keeping of Him who is too wise to err.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of the lodge, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

T. D. England,  
A. E. Hampton,  
W. A. Bard.

## CARD OF THANKS

We are thankful to the good people of the community for their loving kindness to us during the death and burial of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. J. R. Neill and Family.