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PROF. T. C. HENDERSON WRITES

Editor Brevard News:

The "State of Roberson" is still surviving, having successfully withstood an effort made in the Legislature to divide her up into three counties. The people who contended for a division claim that small counties are more progressive than large ones, citing as examples the splendid and progressive little counties of Hoke and Scotland. Those who favored division, however, failed to convince the legislative committee on counties, cities and towns, of the justice of their contentions.

The ministers of Lumberton have taken a decided stand against unrighteous displays and immoral shows which encroach upon the morals of the town. The town officers and many of the citizens are cooperating with the minister in an effort to suppress the evil. A fine example which other towns would do well to follow.

Sworn in on Sunday, paid in full on Monday, time up on Tuesday, and then had to "git"; the unique record of J. J. Britt—a new Solomon Grundy piece. Twenty-one thousand dollars salary and expenses received for a term in Congress served by another man seems to be "some pull."

Robeson County believes in paying for service rendered, and in letting its servants know exactly what they are receiving for their work. The General Assembly passed a bill fixing salaries for county officers as follows: Salary of the jailor, \$100 a month; annual salaries, clerk of superior court, and register of deeds, and for the stationery of the office of the auditor.

We greatly enjoy the letters from the boys "over there," in which they tell of their successes, their trials, their difficulties, their varied experiences; and we shall be glad to see the day when all these noble sons of America shall be once more with loved ones at home. In the Robersonian recently was a letter from a French woman to the parents of a Robeson soldier who is a guest in her home. Among other things in the letter she said, "In the little village where we live are 1000 American soldiers, all very fine. These brave boys so far from home are well received on account of their having saved France."

The fact that we have so many "very fine" young men in France, who through their letters, are presenting to us vivid war pictures, makes our hearts more tender, more reverent, if possible, to our oldest soldiers, the veterans of the 60's. These are they who answered our country's call even as their sons and grandsons have answered today. How few they are now! How short the time we shall have them with us! Let us cherish them and give them deserved honor. Let us pass!

Am glad to note that Transylvania county is assured a home demonstrator. The real meaning in the statement that "food will win the war" is that the final test is an endurance test, and no one can deny the fact that the endurance test rests mainly with the women in the homes. Husbands and children really have but little to do in determining our food saving. It is the woman in the home on whom the real test is placed, three times today, three times tomorrow, three times every day. Will we hold out until it is all over "over there?" I believe the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the boys in khaki, and all other true American women, will answer with the unflinching French woman, the tireless English woman and the long-suffering Belgian woman: "We will not weary, we will hold on

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD

M. J. Glazner a well known farmer and merchant of Rosman died at his home last Saturday morning and was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery near Calvert on Tuesday. The services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Carpenter of Lester, N. C. a former pastor of the deceased.

Mr. Glazner had been failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was 71 years of age. Besides his wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Jane Whitmire of Jocassee, S. C., he is survived by ten children. He was the father of G. M. Glazner of Hendersonville, formerly one of the leading merchants of Brevard.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

A few weeks ago George Watson came to town and said he meant to give the people of Brevard satisfactory telephone service in a very short time. Nobody paid any particular attention to what he said. Good telephone service in Brevard was classed among the desirable impossibilities.

Mr. Watson has been at work and his work is beginning to show. In addition to installing a new switchboard he has overhauled the lines all over the county. This week he commenced the work of placing lighting protectors throughout the system. Every feature of the service is being rapidly improved and the telephone can now be used any hour of the twenty-four. Mr. Watson states that he wishes local telephone subscribers to know that the former method of cutting out telephones has now been done away with and he also requests that all phones out of order be reported to him immediately as he is giving his prompt personal attention to the matter of keeping them in first-class condition. "In case of fire," says Mr. Watson, telephone operators have been instructed to answer calls made for and by the chief of the fire department and his assistants before all others."

Twenty new subscribers have been added to the list during the past two months and a number of new phones will probably be put in within the next few weeks.

THE LAW AS TO MAD DOGS

(Revisal of North Carolina Sec 3305)

If the owner of any dog shall know or have good reason to believe that his dog, or any dog belonging to any person under his control, has been bitten by a mad dog, and shall neglect or refuse immediately to kill the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars to him who will sue therefor; and the offender shall be liable to pay all damages which may be sustained by any one, in his property or person, by the bite of any such dog, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

until the boys come home." The one person who can best aid the women in every country to "hold on" is an efficient, energetic, sympathetic home demonstrator, and it is gratifying to know that we have a board of commissioners who believe in "lending a helping hand" to the women and girls in the homes.

Best wishes to the News and all Transylvanians.

T. C. HENDERSON.
Pembroke, N. C.

CLEAN UP DAYS MARCH 28-29

HELP

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL TOWN
PREVENT SICKNESS
AND FIRES

BY CLEANING UP

YOUR HEALTH

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER SAYS
CLEANLINESS PREVENTS THE
SPREAD OF DISEASE.

Now that spring is here again I would join in with Mr. Young, the State Fire Commissioner, who advises a general clean up of houses and premises, so that danger of fire shall be reduced to a minimum. I, in accord with him on that point, would remind you that in the house and on the outside if not clean danger of disease may lurk. It is in dark, damp places that the seeds of maladies find lodgement to propagate and develop waiting as it were for victims. Old tomato cans and other receptacles for stagnant water are ideal harbors and breeding places for mosquitoes who become carriers for whatever poisons they come in contact with and not for mosquitoes only, but for flies who come in the same baneful list of undesirables. So far as I have up to this time been able to be informed, the area of the activities of either pest has not been fully determined, but we do know from the investigations of a devoted corps of men whose minds have been, and are devoted to the welfare of the human race that insects are disseminators of many ills, as for instance the louse in trench and typhus fevers and it was through the bedbug in pellagra there is no doubt the last named could assist in spreading typhoid and kindred fevers.

There is nothing that can surpass clean air and sunlight in abundance as promoters of health and comfort. Health is the goal to which we should all aspire for without it we cannot enjoy anything. In view of the recent prevalence of influenza which has so far baffled the best men in the health service as to its control I would suggest first thorough cleaning of every residence then disinfection of the rooms as worthy to be considered. This done, clean up the surrounding premises and see to it that no receptacles for stagnant water be allowed on or near your dwelling. There is a feature of the clean up admonition that I have not touched, namely the appearance of the town and our homes which, if clean, make a good impression on passers by. I would mention also the condition behind the business houses and around the jail. They are by no means commendable.

Very sincerely,
W. J. WALLIS,
County Health Officer.

INTERESTING MEETING

An interesting meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Brevard Baptist Church was held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Duckworth. Eighteen members were present.

The quarterly collection for Foreign Missions was taken which amounted to \$50.00. After which delightful refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

SHALL WE WELCOME THE BOYS HOME?

When the first group of Transylvania boys who responded to the Selective Draft call were ready to leave Brevard, a farewell mass meeting was held to hearten them, and they appreciated it. Most of the other groups who left later were accompanied to the train by a procession, and presented with Comfort Bags, etc. "This we ought to have done, but the other we ought not to leave undone."

When the boys who volunteered without waiting to be drafted went away to become a part of the now famous 30th or other divisions little interest was shown in their departure, because at that stage of the War our county had not caught the spirit of those volunteers.

The 30th division is now on its way home. Is it not time that we began to plan to give those boys a royal welcome back to Brevard and Transylvania county? Those who are already here can be included in this first special Reception, and later a general Home-coming welcome can be given when the last of our boys come back.

In both of these Programs of Welcome the Woman's League should have a part, for they were the first to begin ministering to the boys; The Red Cross should have a part, for it ministered to bodily welfare and comfort of the boys in khaki; the Church should have a part, for it ministered to the spiritual welfare, strengthened the morale of the fighting men while it kept the home-fires burning; and the County itself should have a part in it because it gave of its sturdy sons to turn the tide backward, break the Hindenburg line and with it the spirit of of the Hun. Let there be no delay in beginning preparation for welcoming our heroes home.

W. E. POOVEY.

A PETITION

TRANSYLVANIA TANNERY

We, the wood and bark men and the employees at and in said plant, and the business men of Brevard, sadly deplore the great loss to the Laborers, on account employment, for depression in business generally, and for the financial loss to the company. Do not only extend our sympathy, but promise our co-operation both by good will and encouragement for the rebuilding of said plant and hope the same will be in active operation at the earliest date possible.

Signed by over 250 Citizens.

RED CROSS DRIVE

The Transylvania Chapter of the Red Cross will next week call on the people of this County for a contribution of clothing to be sent to Belgian and French Refugees. Garments of every kind made of strong and durable material for all ages and both sexes are urgently needed.

Mrs. Z. W. Nichols is chairman of the committee to look after this work in this county. She states that the campaign will be limited to one week and requests the people who wish to help to be ready for members of the committee next week.

NOTICE

The next Betterment meeting will be held on Friday, March 28th at 3:30 P. M. This change from the usual date will please be noted by all members. A large attendance is desired.

SPEAKS HIGHLY OF MR. SILVERSTEEN

Editor Brevard News:

In last week's issue of the News appeared Mr. Galloway's article knocking the Tannery and Mr. Silverstein. I cannot see how anyone could have the cheek to write such an article against Mr. Silverstein.

It is true that it did take some of the skilled labor out of the kitchens and from the wash tubs for a short while, but they received three times as much for their services there as they did while cooking and washing, and I think there is about as much honor in tanning as in washing. Of course I guess it went pretty hard with some to have to pay Mr. Bromfield for their washing instead of getting some colored woman to do it for about nothing.

I have in the past worked for Mr. Silverstein about eight years and I never worked for as good a man in many ways. I never knew him to misrepresent anything, and when he promises anything you surely will get it. I understand that the work of rebuilding has begun, so hurrah for Mr. Silverstein and the Tannery. So Mr. Galloway lets you and I go and get a job at the Tannery and all be good fellows together, and perhaps Mr. Silverstein will put up a grindstone and you may have an axe to grind some day and a double bitted one too.

Best wishes to Mr. Silverstein, the Tannery and the News.

C. P. HOGSED

LETTER FROM FRANCE

Dear Sir:

Just to show you how much I appreciate the NEWS in France I will write you a few lines to publish while we are marking time waiting on a boat and an order to take us home. The weather is very cold here now, snow fell about two weeks ago and about every other day a new two inches falls on what is already here, and the ground has been white since, for therefore is getting to be a real snow by now. Hope you good people of old Transylvania are having better weather than we are.

I was very glad to have my old friend, Guy M. Allison of the Boilston section stop and stay over night with me. We sat up and talked of the good times we had back home waiting for us, both were very homesick and ready to come home at a minute's warning, so we call ourselves the "Minute men of the A. E. F."

After meeting some of the boys from home that were over here only a few weeks before me I know that the Company that I am with made the best time of any in getting from the states to the Great Front, for one month from the date we left the camp at Woodbridge, Va. we had two men killed in action and twelve wounded, so that they went to the hospital and some went to the U. S. A. and some get back with the organization, and I think that was the best time made by any Co. or Regt. that left the Camp in the states.

It has been a great mystery to the boys, over here, why that the Y. M. C. A. is getting so much more of the money that is being given, in the states, than the Salvation Army or the K. of C. for they are the two organizations that helped the boys that won the war, for they were always there at the front with Hot Chocolate and cigarettes and candy, for the boys, of course the Y. M. C. A. may have been doing good work back in the S. O. S., but the boys who came over here to win the war never got any benefits of anything back there, for they charged enormous prices for

BETTERMENT ASSN HOLDS MEETING

The Betterment held its postponed meeting Wednesday afternoon March 12th. After the annual election of officers the following business was transacted:

A committee consisting of Mrs. Len English and Mrs. O. L. Erwin was appointed to arrange for "Clean-up Week."

Prizes were voted to be awarded for the best declamation and recitation at the Public School Commencement in June.

All members present signed a petition to our Senator asking him to give his support to bring about a League of Nations. The petition was then sent to Macfie Brodie Drug Store in care of Mrs. Macfie. It is hoped that all members who have not signed will call there and affix their names.

The following are the officers for the year.

President, Mrs. D. G. Ward; Vice President, Mrs. H. N. Carrier; Treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Macfie and Secretary Mrs. Len English.

PENROSE CHEESE FACTORY TO HANDLE EGGS

The directors of the Penrose cheese factory held a meeting at the factory, Saturday evening, March 15th, and decided to begin operations for the summer on Tuesday, April 1st. The factory has recently been incorporated and has proved a success. It is furnishing to the farmers of the Penrose and Little River section of the county with a handy cash market for their farm products. The directors decided to handle eggs thru the factory this summer. The eggs will be taken up every day with the milk, and by hauling them in this manner the factory will be able to guarantee fresh eggs.

LYCEUM

Mrs. Josephine Chilton, reader, appeared here Friday evening under the auspices of the Brevard Betterment Lyceum Course. She gave a reading of "Polly of the Circus." Mrs. Chilton presented her own arrangement of the play to her Brevard audience and charmed her hearers with her clear enunciation and skillful interpretation.

what they did sell, while other organizers gave away things or sold them at a little more than they would cost at home, and with all the money they are getting donated it is a plain problem, for the men in the A. E. F. to study over and TRY to solve, for when they all get back, there should be a real investigation by proper authorities to determine what all and how it was spent, and from all the talk I have heard in this area; there will be a real report of it or the Y. M. C. A. is dead forever in the hearts of the American people.

Not that I favor one organization any more than another, do I write this, only I think it is proper for the people to know about these things, and as for taking my word you can easily get hundreds of men, in fact all the largest per cent of men that have served in the Advance Zone. Just write any of them that have seen real active service and see if their opinion and mine are not just the same.

Hoping to see the people of my native land real soon, and that this reaches all in good health, and that the people may prosper in all their undertakings, have good health in all ways.

I am as ever,
GEORGE F. WOODFIN