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WM. P. WEILT DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

William P. Weilt, one of the oldest and best known merchants of Brevard, died at his home here Saturday morning following an illness of only a few days. Mr. Weilt was found in an unconscious condition in his room over his store last Wednesday morning, and since that time has been suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

The deceased came to Brevard from Altoona, Pa., about twenty years ago and since that time has been engaged in the clothing business of this city. At the time of his death he was in his seventy-third year, having served with distinction in the Union Army during the Civil war.

He is survived by a wife, two daughters, Mrs. C. C. Duckworth, of Brevard and Mrs. George Maybach, of Greenville, S. C., and one son, Walter Weilt, of Brevard.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Puett in the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and was attended by a large gathering of friends from all the churches. The body was then taken to Oak Grove Cemetery where it was laid to rest beneath a blanket of beautiful flowers.

The pall bearers were: J. M. Allison, J. S. Nicholson, W. C. Hunt, A. E. Hampton, T. H. Shipman and R. L. Nicholson.

Mr. Weilt, since coming to Brevard has been one of the county's most respected citizens. Being of a quiet and retiring disposition, he has always taken an active part in every movement for the betterment of the town and county, but he has never sought preferment in any office. His reputation as a dealer in dependable merchandise has been one of the best and his square dealing has built up for him a profitable business.

DESIRES TO RETURN TO TRANSYLVANIA

Anderson, S. C. Feb. 2, 1920.

Editor of Brevard News:

For ten years I have been in South Carolina, and have been serving Churches in Oconee and Anderson Counties preaching twice every Sunday for more than six years of that time. The last two years I have been pastor of two churches in Anderson giving all my time to the cause of Christ. I have enjoyed my work in this state very much, and have become very much attracted to the people of this state, but have never forgotten the dear ones of Transylvania. For several years after coming to this state, I made it my rule to go back to the Transylvania Association. But for the last two or three years I have been denied that privilege, until last October when the Association met at Catheys Creek. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet my friends and my brethren whom I love and with whom I have labored.

I have now given up the work in this state and am ready to accept work again in Transylvania, should there be an opening where my services are needed. We will make our home at Quebec, Mrs. Henderson having already gone to be with and care for her grandfather. I do not wish to be idle, since there is so much needs to be done. So if there are churches that need my services, a letter addressed to me either at Anderson or Quebec, N. C. will reach me and receive prompt attention.

Best wishes for the News and all its readers.

Yours for the Master's service,
Z. I. HENDERSON.

VICTORY BUTTONS FOR FORMER SAILORS

The navy department will award a silver Victory Button to be worn on civilian clothing, to all persons who served in the regular navy or naval reserve force between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918 and who were wounded in actual combat with the enemy. Silver Victory Buttons will be issued only by the bureau of navigation upon request of the individual concerned. Such request should set forth in full the date, the time and general location of the action, together with the name of the ship or unit to which attached at the time wound was received. Bronze Victory Buttons are being issued to everyone who served in the navy or naval reserve force between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918. These buttons may be obtained from the navy recruiting officer at Raleigh, N. C. Request for bronze Victory Buttons should be accompanied by discharge or orders to inactive duty as the recruiting officer must certify on them that a button has been issued. Discharge or orders will be returned at once with Victory Button. The navy recruiting officer at Asheville invites inquiries from ex-service men and from men thinking of enlisting in the navy as to the text of the bill to increase the pay of the enlisted men of the navy, this bill passed the house of representatives on Jan. 23, 1920 by an almost unanimous vote.

INFLUENZA

Influenza is reported to be with us again, but far without as large percentage of fatal cases. This is, however, no reason that we should relax any vigilance that we are capable of using as we have no assurance that it may not at any time manifest as grave a form as the epidemic we had a year ago when its victims were counted by the thousands. The same precautions as were advised then are in order now, viz: keep yourself in the best physical condition possible, bowels acting freely, eat moderately, avoid taking cold as it is termed, feet dry and warm, do not overexert, sleep enough and in fresh air. So far as the writer can ascertain there is so far no known specific or sure cure for influenza, nor for that matter, no certain preventative. In stating this, I would not, however, be understood as being opposed to any means that any physician might suggest as a preventative, because so far none has been used to an extent that would place it where vaccination against small pox is today, a known and tried means of avoiding the disease. Medicine is step by step winning its way to the mastery of many diseases and it is surely not too much to believe that influenza will yield as other ills have done. Should a case of influenza develop, the same rules and instructions as were advised a year ago are equally in order now. Go to bed and stay there; isolate yourself as much as possible, send for a physician and follow his instructions to the letter rather than the advice of various and sundry self-appointed medical aspirants. It is highly probable that the physician may know more about handling the case than they.

Hoping and continuing to hope that we shall not have an invasion of influenza comparable to that of a year ago, I am,

Very sincerely,

W. J. WALLIS.

ORDERS OF COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Brevard, N. C. The County Board of Health in session as the law provides, Feb. 1st, 1920, makes the following orders:

That all public gatherings, in audiences or crowds, of ever nature, such as crowding in stores, on the streets, potoffices, or elsewhere, be prohibited until Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1920.

PROVIDED, this is not compulsory on Churches, but that they be appealed to to co-operate with the health officials.

PROVIDED, a crowd in the aforesaid instance shall be construed to mean an assemblage of people greater than is necessary for the transaction of ordinary business affairs.

That the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constables, policemen, justices of the peace, and other officers see that the above rules be strictly enforced.

That action of the County Board of Health was taken as provided for in Chapter 62, Public Laws of 1911, as amended Chapter 181, Public Laws of 1913, Chapter 233, Public Laws of 1915, and Chapter 167, of Public Laws of 1915.

Section 10. If any person shall violate the rules and regulations made by the County Board of Health he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding \$50 or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

(Signed.)

Co. BOARD HEALTH,
C. K. Osborne, Chairman,
A. F. Mitchell, Secretary,
T. H. Galloway, Mayor of Brevard
C. W. Hunt, M. D.,
W. M. Lyday, M. D.,
W. J. Wallis, M. D., Co. Supt. Health.

HOW TO HANDLE THE EPIDEMIC

The County Welfare Board thinks it would be a wise plan to use the High School Building for an emergency hospital in case the influenza spreads to such an extent that the cases cannot be cared for in the homes. Two or three nurses can look after twenty or thirty patients in the auditorium of the school building. There are those who would be glad to lend beds and linen; and as there is a scarcity of nurses this plan will make it possible for a few nurses and a cook to take care of more patients than in any other way.

As the Board of Health, the Welfare Board, Red Cross are County organizations and which would be in control of the emergency hospital, patients from all over the county that might not have proper treatment could be brought to the emergency hospital.

SOLICITOR SCHENCK HERE

Solicitor Michael Schenck of Hendersonville was in Brevard Thursday in the interest of his campaign as a candidate for Judge of the 15th Judicial District. Mr. Schenck needs no introduction to the people of Transylvania as they all know him by the splendid record he has made as solicitor since 1913 when he was appointed to that official position by Gov. Craig. He was elected to the same office in 1914 and served the people with much credit to himself. In 1918 he was re-elected, but resigned to enlist in the army.

Mr. Schenck has practiced law in Hendersonville since 1905 and was the first man to be elected Mayor of Hendersonville on a strictly democratic ticket, which took place in 1907.

RED CROSS GIVES ADVICE ON FLU

Atlanta, Ga.—Feb. 12.—Reports received at the southern division headquarters of the American Red Cross show that influenza in the southeast at no time this winter has reached the point where it could properly be termed an epidemic and that, with precautions there is no reason why the five states in the southern division can not go thru the winter without an epidemic.

In making public its reports, the Red Cross warned the public against groundless fears. It was stated that, if individuals will eat properly, and drink plenty of water, keep away from stuffy halls and crowds, get a plenty of sleep, doctor colds properly and above all, refuse to get panicky, they should escape the influenza.

While the Red Cross has been called upon more than usual in the last month to assist in combatting influenza in the division it is stated that the calls do not begin to approach the number received at this time a year ago. Thus far, requests for nurses have come only from two states—North and South Carolina—and in these states the requests have been confined to a few localities. Fifteen nurses altogether have been sent out, as many as six of these to one county and as many as four to another. A few cases of influenza have been reported in Georgia, Tenn. and Fla., but the reports show that the number, save in a few instances, is not more than normal.

Several Florida communities have taken the precaution to close their schools temporarily, while in Memphis and one or two other places in Tennessee public meetings have been banned for a time. The state board of health of South Carolina, which requested division headquarters for nurses, reported influenza in seventeen counties on Jan. 30.

Even should the influenza situation get a great deal worse than it is, the Red Cross states that the people of the southeast are much better able to handle the situation than ever before. As long ago as last October, Red Cross chapters throughout the division, which acted on suggestions from division headquarters, prepared themselves to meet influenza by assembling such resources as physicians, nurses and volunteers; listing hospital facilities, equipment and supplies. As a result Red Cross chapters have been instrumental in checking its spread and many have contributed to the help of sister communities.

The most encouraging feature of the Red Cross report is the statement that practically all cases reported are a mild form of influenza and that, so far as has been learned there are very few deaths compared to the number of recoveries.

NO SERVICE AT ST. PHILIPS

Owing to the epidemic of influenza and a patriotic appeal from the Board of Health to the ministers of the county, there will be no Sunday school or service in St. Philips Episcopal church until Feb. 17th, or such time as the Board of Health lifts the quarantine on the schools of Brevard. In the mean time, I urge all members of the congregation to follow carefully the rules and suggestions of the Board of Health, and further that they conduct family prayer and read the Bible daily in their homes.

J. C. Seagle, Rector.

Co-operate with the health authorities by avoiding crowds.

MR. SETON LECTURES AT THE AUDITORIUM

Mr. Seton was greeted with applause as he appeared upon the stage and when the clapping had subsided said in part:

I want to talk to you this evening about my wild animal friends. I used to be a hunter, and killed them at one time for sport; but I do not kill them any more. I study them and have learned to love them, and I want you to love them too. There are not many wild animals left in America; we have killed off the buffalo and the wild pigeons, bear and deer are getting scarcer every year and soon the possum and polecat will be a thing of the past. In my old home I have a ninety acre forest and there I raised 100 skunks last year. (Laughter) You wonder at this but let me tell you that skunks are the nicest kind of pets imaginable. You can raise them as easily as rabbits. An agent of the British government bought my whole outfit. They said: "Here is work that crippled soldiers can do." Fine skunk pelts used to sell at a dollar, but now they bring from ten to fifteen dollars apiece. The study of animals has taught us much about the diseases of mankind. When doctors want to experiment with a new vaccination serum they use it on animals and note the results. There is a bony canal in the ear of both men and animals and note the result. It was thought at one time that everything in the ear had to do with hearing, but this is not the case. There is a sealed up bony labyrinth filled with serum and floating in this serum is a tiny bony needle. This bony protuberance is found to be more developed in Indians, more so in the mound builders, and attains its greatest development in the animals, especially the monkeys. The truth of this statement has been clearly proved in the French army with the carrier pigeons during the late war. When ever a bird made a round flight it was noticed that it had a large bony protuberance upon the ear. It has been discovered that the bony labyrinthian canals of the internal ear are organs of distance, balance and direction. Let me emphasize this point with a few illustrations.

Every year about the middle of May about four million seals assemble at the Fribloff Islands in the Behring sea, and stay about six weeks until the baby seals which are born at this time are able to take to the water. They then scatter in all directions over the wide ocean as far as Honolulu; and yet the whole four millions will gather at the Fribloff Islands at the same time in the month of May on the following year. The seal possesses the wonderful faculty of orientation to a marked degree. Nature has given this peculiar to the animals more so than to mankind because they need it and use it. When you neglect nature's gifts she withdraws them. Take a homely instance, the domestic cat. You all know that the cat came back. You may put her in a sack and take her twenty or thirty miles on a train, but she always finds the way home. (Laughter.) The horse is not considered as intelligent as a dog and yet the horse always knows its way home. On one of my early trips west to Idaho and East Wyoming, I saw a very beautiful horse. It was three years old and newly broken, was perfectly gentle and would eat out of my hand. It was a noble creature; I fell in love with it and wanted it for my own. Unfortunately for my

EDUCATIONAL RALLY DAY

The County Teacher, in a meeting Jan. 24, decided to have a Educational Rally for the County instead of the usual County Commencement. The Program Committee met last Saturday and arranged the following.

Date—Friday, April 2, 1920.

Place, Brevard.

Participants, All school children in Transylvania County.

10:00—Parade, by all school children.

11:00—Address, by E. C. Brooks, State Supt. of Public Instruction.

2:00 Recitation and Declamation Contests, Pupils from 6, 7, and 8th grades.

2:30—Athletic Contest.

The parade will form in front of the Franklin Hotel and begin marching promptly at 10:00 o'clock.

While in line the children will form on the square and sing, Battle Hymn of the Republic and America the Beautiful. Each school is requested to learn these songs and take part in the singing.

A prize of five dollars will be given to the school having the best parade. Points to be considered are: per cent of the school enrollment in the parade general appearance, and best marching.

A prize of two and one-half dollars will be given the school winning in the Recitation Contest and the same amount to the Declamation contest. Each school may have one boy and one girl take part in these two contests.

A prize of five dollars will be given to the school having the best club work exhibit.

The Athletic contests will be directed by Mr. Bennett and Miss Tyner.

It will consist of a relay race, low hurdle, running high jump, pole vaulting, running broad jump, 50 yard dash, basket ball by boys of Brevard and Pisgah Forest Schools.

In all the athletic contests blue ribbon will be first prize and red ribbon second. There will be plays and games planned for the small children, directed by Miss Ethel Johnson.

The program committee requests the teachers and school children of the county to begin at once to advertise the rally and to make preparation to take part in all of the contests. With the hearty co-operation of all the educational force of the County April 2 can be made a pleasant and valuable day.

HATTIE AIKEN, Chairman of Program Committee.

pocketbook I did not confine my enthusiasm to myself. The owner of the horse noticed that I was dead gone on it and raised the price accordingly. I had to pay twenty-five dollars for him at a time when five dollars was considered a fair price, and animals could be bought for 90 cents each. But I wasn't sorry I bought him; sold him on my return East for much more than I gave for him. I rode eastward to Jackson's Hole, one hundred miles from Wind River Mountains and went into camp for a few weeks.

It was new country to me and I hadn't taken time to note carefully the land marks. We were in thick pine woods. To make it more difficult to get a clear impression of our whereabouts it snowed during the night and was four inches deep in the morning. The snow was coming so fast that I couldn't see the mountains. I left camp at eight in the morning, rode about two miles, and then came upon the back of a bull elk. I though he was going (Continued on Editor's page)