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HOW WE TAMED THE BASHILELE.

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Midnight Revels

Lupumbu were not to be trifled with. Old Joka once told me of an almost grown boy who took too much palm wine out in the bushes and had been attacked by them while he was drunk to get away at once, and had been eaten alive. I once lost a number of parrots whose wings had been clipped, and who moved too slowly to get out of the way of the pursuing army.

Of course lupumbu refers to carapace ants. There are several species of them in different parts of the world, but the "army" ant of Africa is the most dangerous. It goes in a long column about a yard wide and sometimes several yards long. The ants are in solid ranks of about one abreast, and in continuous line throughout the length of the column. Commanded by captains and officers, they march around in search of dead or sleeping animals, and woe betide the victim found—they leave nothing behind. Sometimes they find a snake, stuffed with an ant, which he has swallowed, and too soon get away rapidly, and are inclined to think that in addition to their biting and tearing away of flesh, they inject a poison with a paralyzing influence when there is enough of them to make the quest effective. For this reason it is extremely necessary to get away in masses of them to get on the ground. They are of a dark red color and about three eighths of an inch long. There are practically only three ways of escaping from the lupumbu—by encircling yourself with fire, by getting into water, and by running far enough away.

Curiously enough, they greatly dislike the meal of the cassava root, (the big potato-like vegetable of the tropics, which is a universal staple of diet, and the Africans scatter this meal or the peelings of the cassava around their huts at night. If a white man does not know this trick, he is apt to get acquainted with lupumbu pretty soon after his first settlement in the jungle. When Cassadi gave the alarm, there was nothing for me to do but to make a break for the river. I got pretty badly bitten on the feet and legs before I reached the sandy beach, where I was soon joined by the populace of my establishment, but they brought their precious hippo meat along with them, plunging it into the water to rid it of the ants. The next proceeding was to start fighting them with fire. The modus operandi was interesting and exhibited considerable ingenuity. Some of the men had had the presence of mind to bring along some chunks of burning wood from the camp fire. They advanced close to the water's edge and built a fire on the beach, blowing the coals into a lively flame. Then some of them made a quick dash to get more wood, until they had a roaring big fire. Then they built a circle of fires so as to let us come out of the water.

BREVARD IS PUT ON THE MAP

Great Bus Line Inaugurated on Monday, May 31st.

Means A Great Deal In Developing Transylvania's Tourist Trade and Will Prove Good Financial Investment If Supported by the People.

First Bus Received by Enthusiastic Mass of Transylvania's Most Prominent Citizens.

On Monday, May 31st, thirty-five business men of Brevard and Transylvania County motored to Hendersonville and Asheville with Superintendent W. H. Andrews of the new Red Bus Line lately installed from Brevard to Asheville and return. These gentlemen were carried free of all charge in order that they, as representing the town and county, might be more closely associated with the Hendersonville and Asheville boards of trade respectively. The party left Brevard at one o'clock P. M. and joined three other bus autos at Hendersonville which were completely filled with Hendersonville folk, among which were quite an abundance of female folks of Hendersonville, who smiled at the wayfarer and mutely bade him "Watch Hendersonville Grow" and that he look longingly toward the "city beyond the forest," where the beautiful French Broad River winds her trembling way from the mighty Balsam Mountains thru the "Switzerland of America" to her goal in the west. The party journeyed on to Asheville where they were gloriously received by the Board of Trade of Asheville where speeches and refreshments were served by the good ladies of Asheville. After the refreshments had been carefully cared for the party again climbed on board the Red Bus and paraded thru the city to Grove Park Inn, Sunset Mountain and other places of interest in that city. Mayor Roberts of Asheville made the speech of welcome to the visitors. Responses came from Prof. A. W. Hunnicutt of Hendersonville and Atty. Welch Galloway of Brevard. After the city had been carefully toured the party returned to Hendersonville and from there to Brevard.

Among the men from Transylvania were:

- Jos. S. Silversteen, Mayor. T. H. Galloway, Alderman; Frank D. Clement, Ralph Zachary, T. D. England; S. M. MacFie, H. R. Walker, Sheriff Paxton, Register of Deeds, G. C. Kilpatrick, County Commissioners; C. F. Woodfin, C. K. Osborne, Jordan Whitmire; T. J. Wilson, F. P. Sledge, Sam Allison, Wm. A. Band, W. E. Breese, Ralph R. Fisher, R. H. Duckworth, H. Plummer, R. L. Gash, Welch Galloway, C. H. Klucppelberg, Thos. H. Shipman, C. E. Orr, C. B. Deaver, Joe Pickelsimer, Dr. E. S. English, W. L. Aiken and many more prominent Transylvanians.

Another private car followed the bus in which were C. B. Osborne, C. B. Deaver, Alfred E. Hampton and others. The party arrived in Brevard at ten o'clock and each expressed their delight at having had the opportunity of being in the great festival. The occasion was to inaugurate the Great Red Bus Line from Asheville, Hendersonville and Brevard. It is strongly hoped that the line will prove an overwhelming success.

cupboard. If you set the posts of your bed in cans of kerosene oil, you may go to sleep and turn your house over to the lupumbu, and they will rid you of many enemies. It was long past midnight when the marauders fell into line and marched into the woods. The way they can do this from their scattered condition all over the place is one of the marvels of natural history. This time much of the hippo meat as had been saved—and mighty little had been lost, trust the Africans for that—was put inside a big circle of fire under the sentry's eye. When I asked Wembo why they had not done this in the first instance, he said it would not have made any difference, for lupumbu always made a visit to a new settlement, and they had not yet had time to clean up the brush, and establish a fire line, but they would do that next day, sure. So I went back to bed, hoping not to be disturbed again that night. After a few hours of undisturbed sleep, something like a roar of artillery saluted the sunrise, and cut short my morning slumber. We were not yet through with our initiation at Bena Lupa. (To Be Continued Next Week.)

AUTO DRIVERS—STOP SPEEDING THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE MUST BE RESPECTED AND THEIR LIVES MUST BE PROTECTED. LIMIT IN BUSINESS SECTION OF BREVARD—8 MILES PER HOUR. PLEASE DO, NOT EXCEED IT. T. H. GALLOWAY, Mayor.

Where Was Brevard At The Booster's Celebration In Asheville?

We were impressed with the fact that while Hendersonville and Asheville business men were all boosters for their respective cities, Brevard's representation though modestly hesitated to "blow their own horn" without being more stoutly enticed. Notwithstanding Brevard has something to be proud of; it is the county seat of Transylvania County, in "The Land of Waterfalls," "Brevard the Beautiful," "The Switzerland of America," "The City Beyond the Forest." To tell the world these things and further develop our county we need—aye, we must have a chamber of commerce.

WHY WE MUST ALL PULL TOGETHER FOR A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The step recorded above is considered the primary step of the people of Brevard toward the adoption of a Chamber of Commerce. For the past five years the Brevard Club has been playing the part of Chamber of Commerce and great benefit has been derived from it, but many good citizens have the wrong idea that the Brevard Club is inclined to be clandestine and that every class of people is not taken into proper consideration. They believe also that the tendency of Brevard Club has been to become a social center for entertainment of visitors and the establishing of a center where the young and old mingle in the quiet of evening to enjoy the company of each other. As this kind of organization it is crowned with success. In many other ways it has proven a success but it has not convinced a goodly number of our citizens of the weight of its virtues as a Chamber of Commerce, wherein all the industrial interest have been represented in detail and minutely. Many men who would promote the interest of the industrial side of life care not to pay the dues the Club requires. They are not interested in maintaining compartments for recreation of tired men. Without the Brevard Club the town is a failure, but with the hearty co-operation of an un-to-date chamber of commerce it would be very much better.

WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

At a meeting of the Brevard Wednesday Club, held with Mrs. Simmons on May 26th, it was reported that the recent "Evening with The Club," has brought into the treasury more than \$150.00.

From this amount, after local expenses and certain expenses incident to the State Federation of Clubs were met, appropriations were made to the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund, and to a scholarship in Social Service work, at the State University.

The Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund was created several years ago for the purpose of helping girls, who wish to attend college, but are financially unable to do so. A number of girls have received loans from this fund and in all cases, they have made excellent use of the opportunity thus afforded them. The Social Service Scholarships have been newly established. By making trained workers available for work in the State, it is hoped to make this new department of club work, of great value to our Old North State. A donation was also voted to the U. D. C. Library of twenty-five dollars. Votes of thanks were given the following for their help in making the evening successful and profitable: Messrs. Silversteen, White, Miller, Carrier, J. M. Allison, Erwin, Ward, Breese and Shipman. Mesdames. Simons, White, Sprague Hines, Farrell, Macfie, Riley. Misses Dorothy Silversteen and Rebecca Blythe.

MAYOR GALLOWAY CALLS THE ATTENTION OF THE CITIZENS TO THE RECKLESS DISREGARD OF SPEED LAWS

His Honor, T. H. Galloway called on the News and called our attention to the carelessness of some of our automobile drivers in disregarding the law.

He emphasized the fact that no one must drive over 8 miles an hour while passing thru the business section. He pointed out that there was too much parking on the main thoroughfares and that in turning the corners, a great many cars do so on two wheels.

We are going to have a great crowd of summer visitors and this means an addition of hundreds of automobiles during June, July and August and it behooves us all to put a stop to these rattle brained drivers who are disregarding the famous slogan of "Safety First."

Mr. Galloway pointed out that it was not the poor ignorant driver who was so much to blame, but some of the most prominent citizens of our county who ought to set a better example. Mr. Galloway stated that all violators of the speed laws would be dealt with as severely as the law will allow.

TELEGRAM

Shelby, N. C. June 2. Gardner's Headquarters, Brevard, N. C.

Executive Committee Robison County Farmers Union has adopted resolutions condemning action of State Officials of Union in their censure of Gardner resolutions commend Gardner stand on questionnaire and state that farmers of Robison County regardless of political preference commend Gardner for his unpledged position. Sign Manager Gardner's Campaign.

The Democrats of Transylvania County Vote for Gardner for Governor. He is independent in his position, but promises to be fair to both Labor and Capital and cannot be bulldozed by any faction. Signed Many Democratic Voters of Transylvania Co.

U. D. C. MEETING

The June meeting of the Transylvania Chapter U. D. C. will be held Saturday the 5th, at the residence of Mrs. W. W. Zachary at 4:30 P. M. An assessment of 35c per member has been made by the State Executive committee for entertainment expenses of the General Convention in Asheville. It is asked that this be paid in June. Come with a tribute to Jefferson Davis. A. J. G., Pres.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

The following announcement has been received by many friends in Transylvania:

Mrs. Jos. Cary Walker requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Margaret Ruth Strayhorn to Mr. Julian Austin Glazener on Saturday, June the twelfth at twelve o'clock, noon First Baptist Church Raleigh, North Carolina

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE A SUCCESS IN THIS COUNTY

The counties of Buncombe, Polk and Transylvania were the only counties in this district zone that succeeded in the raising of the allotted quota in the recent Salvation Army Drive. Transylvania County, under the direction and lead of vice-Chairman Breese were only two hours and thirty minutes in raising the necessary amount. No people anywhere respond more readily to the calls of this nature than the good folk of our county.

WIL BUILD ROAD TO CAESAR'S HEAD

Willimon Says Work Will Start on Hard Surfaced Highway Soon—Will Draw Tourists.

Supervisor Willimon yesterday informed the Chamber of Commerce that work will begin at an early date on a hard surface road between Greenville and Caesar's Head, the highway to connect with the road to Brevard, N. C., at the county line.

The good roads department and the publicity department of the chamber, which is headed by B. H. Peace, has already formulated plans to advertise this fact widely inasmuch as the construction of the highway will draw hundreds of tourists to Caesar's Head and that section and bring them thru Greenville.

The new road is to be built under the supervision of State Highway Engineer F. H. Murray, and federal aid will be given. Especial attention is to be given to the grading of the road, and it will likely be as popular with motorists as the Greenville-Hendersonville highway now is. The residents of the upper section of the county will be greatly benefitted by the building of the road.

Caesar's Head hotel is to be open on June 17, with Mrs. Mary Barton again in charge, and this will attract a large number of tourists to the section during the summer months. The G. & N. railway, between Greenville and River Falls will probably be in operation within a few weeks.—Greenville Daily News of May 27.

PERSONALS

- Mrs. Branch Lindey went to Hendersonville on Monday. L. L. Hillelson spent the week-end in Asheville. David Hunt spent Sunday in Brevard from Anderson, S. C. G. K. Whitmer arrived on Monday by motor from Montgomery, Ala. Miss Lila Surret from Penrose was in town Friday. J. W. Sluder of Asheville was a business visitor to Brevard Saturday. Miss Olie Perry of Calvert spent Sunday in Brevard. William Marchant of Greenville is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Joe Clayton. Mrs. Gillespie went to Asheville on Tuesday. Ernest Miller was in Asheville last week. T. B. Summey, Jr. spent Sunday with his family in Brevard. Clarence Poole spent Sunday in Hendersonville. Luther Cooper from Asheville spent the week-end here. Mrs. M. B. Waters of Greenville is visiting her son, Mrs. J. E. Waters. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Carr spent some time in Asheville last week. Overton Erwin spent Sunday in Asheville. Miss Marie Kilpatrick was in Asheville several days last week. Rush Whitmire of Asheville spent Sunday in Brevard. S. F. Allison and family motored to Hendersonville for the week-end. Walter Aiken left last Thursday morning for Atlanta, Ga. where he will visit his parents. Little Miss Sarah Withers, of Davidson, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Shipman at her home on Broad St. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Perla from Asheville spent the week-end in Brevard as guests of the Appalachian. Miss Daisy Orr of Asheville is expected at home this week for an extended visit. Mrs. J. M. Kilpatrick and son, Carroll, are visiting Mrs. Ira Hamilton, in Spartanburg. Miss Anna Foster went to Greenville Sunday, for a short visit to relatives there. Dr. J. L. Aiken of Pickens spent several days in Brevard this week with his parents. Ralph R. Fisher left Wednesday afternoon for a business trip to Asheville. Hume Loftis of Abbeville spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Loftis. Mrs. Cos Paxton and Mrs. B. H. Lewis motored to Hendersonville on Saturday. Misses Mabel and Nellie Miller visited Asheville for several days last week. Louis Carr of Pisgah Forest was a business visitor to Asheville last week. There will be an ice cream supper at Little River School house Saturday night, May 12th, everybody is invited. Mrs. J. W. McMinn left Wednesday morning for Charleston, S. C. where she will be for a week or ten days.

REV. C. C. DUCKWORTH

Transylvania county, and especially Baptists feel keenly the great loss in the passing of the Rev. C. C. Duckworth. I desire to call attention to some of the reasons why this man held such a large place in the hearts of our people.

Personally, he was his pastor's friend. Unlike many preachers he did not find fault with his pastor, but was a faithful, prayerful assistant in all the work of the church. He is a model to church members of the proper, sympathetic attitude toward those who carry the great burden of directing the spiritual welfare of the church.

Brevard Baptist Church feels a distinct loss in his departure. His ambition and passion for the church were wholly spiritual.

Standing above most of his fellows in this respect he was often misunderstood for that reason. He was also a strong financial help to the church and the denomination. His interest and pledge to the Seventy-five Million Campaign Fund was more than I thought he was able to do, yet he persisted in doing it.

Transylvania Association feels the great loss, I have heard it expressed on every side. Only a few months ago he went through-out the county aflame with a burning passion calling the people to their great obligation of the needs of a lost and ruined world. Some thought at the time he was too much wrought up, but now they know, since he has gone to give an account for his stewardship of the precious heritage in the gospel that he was not too much in earnest but acted as every normal Christian should act for the night of our pilgrimage here is coming when no man can work.

Men of no church connection feel the loss because he loved their souls and did not conceal that love for them. I have not buried a christian who had such a strong hold on sinners. I pray the memory of him may yet lead them to Christ.

We feel the loss because in his going we have lost a true man. A fearless man, an uncompromising advocate of the truth. A man who feared none but God. Who dared only to do wrong. Who loved his family, his country and his God, more ardently than the most of men. We are poorer but heaven is richer. He has been transplanted to the realm of light where unfettered he shall do the bidding of God forevermore.

C. E. PUETT.

PERSONALS

- Maj. H. E. Raines was in Brevard this week on business relatives to opening French Broad Camp. Mrs. A. D. Perkins with friends and relatives in Charleston for a short visit. Mr. R. H. Russell of Birmingham, Ala. was in Brevard this week looking after his property here. Mrs. Jeremiahson has taken the Boyden House and will conduct the same as a board house. Miss Nina Kate Clayton visited relatives in Asheville Saturday and Sunday. H. V. Smedberg was called to New York last week by the serious illness of his sister. Born—to Dr. and Mrs. V. W. Osborne, Stone Mountain, Ga., Tuesday June 1st, a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffey of Greenville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waters. Percy Verdery will be with his father A. M. Verdery after having wintered in Greenville, S. C. Miss Elizabeth Zachary has returned to Brevard after having been off at college last winter. Mounty Chapman is expected to visit Brevard for the coming week-end. C. S. Osborne made a business trip to Virginia and Knoxville, Tenn., this week. Mrs. P. Noble Simons was in Hendersonville Tuesday morning shopping. Miss Hattie Aiken left on Wednesday for North Wilkesboro, where she will be connected with the summer school. Miss Miriam Silversteen, who has been a student at St. Marys, Raleigh, has returned to "Silvermont" for the summer vacation. FORGETMENOT—EX-MEN BANQUET ATHELWOLD HOTEL, FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:00 P. M. JUNE 11th.