

WATERMELON HARVESTS FROM HIS OWN FOREST IN ZERO WEATHER

Through the efforts of Miss Ann... her co-workers and... Transylvania Memorial Library has served the public to the best of its ability and means for the past few years. In keeping with this policy of service, the library will open on Saturday, January 8, a new department of service, known as the "rent collection" system. The object of this service is to give to library members the opportunity of reading some of the recently published books at the small sum of ten cents per week. The proceeds of "rent collection" will go toward the purchase of new books.

While citizens in the mountain sections of Western North Carolina have been suffering from the cold weather caused by the near-zero temperatures of the past few days, word comes from Florida, telling of real watermelon feasts enjoyed recently in the Sunshine State. Miss Hassie Tinsley, who is spending sometime in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., writes The Brevard News as follows: "Who would have dreamed of eating on watermelon on New Year's day? But wonders never cease in the Sunshine city."

Raleigh, Jan. 3. Jacob Tickle, of Alamance county is now harvesting lumber from a woodlot that he planted in pines with his own hands about forty years ago.

Mr. Tickle believes in the wise use of farm woodland and recently when R. W. Græber, extension forester in State college, visited his farm, Mr. Tickle said:

"A little more than 40 years ago I settled on this place to make a living for myself and family. The farm had been abused and was badly washed and gulched. One field of 14 acres was in such bad condition that it was impossible for me to till it in planting. It was so poor that the former owner asked the tax assessor to relieve him of that part of his farm because it would not pay for the amount of the annual tax."

"I decided to reclaim this land with pines. At that time, there were few pines growing in this section of Alamance county so I went into another community and dug a quantity of pine seedlings to plant in this field. Some of the seedlings I planted around among the gullies. On about half the area, I planted the trees in rows, somewhat like an orchard is set, with the pines about 28 to 30 feet apart. I started this planting in 1887 and added a little each winter until, the whole 14 acres was very well covered. After these scattered plantings grew large enough to make seed, the whole field was soon seeded to a thick stand. Today this field of waste land is as valuable, acre for acre, as any field on my farm."

Mr. Tickle stated that folks would hardly believe him when he told them in 1918, at which time his trees were but thirty years old, that he had cut enough lumber from the field to erect several necessary buildings on his farm.

"And," says Mr. Tickle, "this field of lumber is now making sufficient growth each year to pay the taxes on my whole farm."

The first "rent collection" books to be ready for circulation next Saturday will include:

Revolt in the Desert, by T. E. Lawrence; Marching on, by James Boyd; Giants in the Earth, by O. E. Roivaag; Meanwhile, by H. G. Wells; Right Off the Map, by C. E. Montague; Andrew Jackson, by Gerald W. Johnson.

Other books will be added from time to time as funds permit, using books selected by the Book-of-the-month Club committee, as the outstanding book of the month, or books especially recommended as worth while.

The Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Woman's Bureau and other local organizations are urging cooperation with the library authorities, and a good suggestion has been made that people of the community could start the new year of 1928 aright in no better way than by doing some real cooperation with the library, and see how it works.

TRAIN SCHEDULE IS CHANGED; NEW HOURS

Announcement is made this week of the change in schedule of the Lake Toxaway-Hendersonville division of the Southern Railway passenger trains. On and after January 6, changes on the local passenger trains will be in effect as follows: Train No. 6, due to leave Lake Toxaway at 7:50 a.m., will leave that point at 8:30 a.m., arriving at Hendersonville at 10:50 a.m. Train No. 5 will leave Hendersonville at 11:50 a.m., arriving at Lake Toxaway at 2:50 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS OVER ROSMAN

The Girls Basketball team of Brevard High School was victorious in their first game of the season, when they played Rosman a fast close game—26-15. The players for Brevard were, Josephine Clayton, Lillian Ponder, Vera Jones, forwards and Mildred Clayton, Beulah Mae Zachary, Betsey Hollinshead, guards.

All the team showed their prowess and out-played their opposing team.

The girls' coaches are Miss Johnson and Miss Fagon. The captain of the team is Josephine Clayton, manager, Adelaide Silverstein. The girls have a good schedule this year, which will be posted later.

NOTICE

All persons are hereby notified that we will not be responsible for any bills contracted in our names, unless by written Order, signed by one or both of us.

This December 31st, 1927.

M. H. LPSEY. 5-12-19-26pd

Despite the increasing use of substitutes for wood the people of the world never before used so much of that material as at the present time.

FLIRTING WITH NON-ESSENTIALS

Muscle Shoals! How many years has that name been batted around in Congress.

Boulder Dam! The newest football of public ownership advocates.

Just as the war time nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals has been used as a lever to try to force the government into the electric power business, so will the need for a flood control dam on the Colorado River be used for the same purpose.

President Coolidge favors building the dam for flood control, a legitimate function of government. But if the proposition is kicked back and forth in Congress as long as Muscle Shoals, in an attempt to tack on power development, the Colorado can overflow many times before production is given.

That's why politics should be kept out of business. It flirts with the nonessential while neglecting essential matters.—News Bureau.

POSTOFFICE GROWING SAYS MR. NICHOLSON

As evidence of Brevard's continued growth in business during the past year is a report submitted by Postmaster Roscoe Nicholson revealing an increase in receipts at the local post office for the year 1927 over that of 1926. The receipts in stamps alone for the year just passed amounted to \$14,121.48, as compared with an amount of \$13,847.44 for the previous year, being an increase of \$284.05 for 1927 over that of 1926.

U. D. C. MEETING CALLED FOR NEXT SATURDAY

Special request is made for all members of the U. D. C. to be present at the regular meeting Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the library. A splendid Lee-Jackson program will be in charge of Mrs. O. L. Erwin.

GALLOWAY RETURNS FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE

T. H. Galloway returned Tuesday from Umatilla, Fla., where he spent the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Anna May Sheldon. Mr. Galloway expressed himself as being very much pleased with the wonderful climate of the Sunshine State.

Faust has been given in the Paris Opera alone more than 1,800 times and to capacity receipts nearly every time.

Among the ancient Greeks small pieces of bread were used instead of the present-day napkin; the diners then threw the bread on the floor for the dogs to eat.

A savings bank in the form of an urn, believed to be 2,500 years old, was found in the ruins of a, as ancient Phoenician city.

MANAGER LEWIS TO BE HERE MONDAY

Announcement is made of the approaching annual meeting of the local camp 1, 116 W. O. W., which will be held in Brevard Monday night, January 9, in the Woodmen hall. E. B. Lewis, state manager, will be the principal speaker of the occasion. Officers for 1928 will be installed and new members initiated. Refreshments will be served.

CRAWFORDS GONE DR MONTH'S VISIT

During the absence of Rev. V. A. Crawford, pastor of the Presbyterian church, there will be no church services on Sunday during the month of January, but Sunday School and Wednesday night Prayer Meetings will be held as usual. Members of this church are urged to attend services of the other denominations during the pastor's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are spending their four weeks' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Greer, Colbia, and Charleston, S. C.

WH NOT "UNIFORM ACCOUNTING" FOR CRIMINALS

(The Manufacturer) Establishment of criminal statistics bureaus in every state in the Union, is recommended by the National Crime Commission.

Based upon the findings of an investigating committee headed by former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, the report states that America has more crime than any other civilized nation and has the world's worst criminal statistics. Annual police reports of America were ten or a little less than ridiculous.

The statistical bureaus recommended by the crime commission, coupled with central identification bureaus also suggested, would be of enormous assistance to the Federal Census Bureau in tabulation of criminal data.

In civil affairs such as operating railroads, public utilities and national banks, the law requires uniform reports of the most intricate character and private companies have to furnish these reports to state and federal governments so that public officials can check them in the small details.

Why blame the war, the modern jazz age, bootleg liquor, the movies, revolvers or our large cities for the "crime profession?" Instead of warring on the criminal, we should encourage in carrying on his work due to lack of public information regarding his crimes? Why not keep as accurate a check on criminals as we do on honest and legitimate business?

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