

## Welcome To Transylvania County, Ladies Of Woodmen Circle!

### HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES HERE FOR WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETING

#### FUN, FROLIC, WORK, MARK ACTIVITIES OF WOODMEN CIRCLE

Sessions Being Held at Camp Sapphire Full of Interest

VISITORS COME FROM TWENTY-FOUR STATES

Big Parade To Mark Thursday's Program as "Carolina Day."

Fun and frolic, bathing, boating, horseback riding, automobile trips, and then drill and lectures, reports and analysis, all go to make a busy week at Camp Sapphire where some three hundred officers, members and visitors are attending the conference of the Woodmen Circle. Twenty-four states are represented, and the highest officers in national organization are here.

Delegates began arriving Sunday, and on Monday more came, and Tuesday morning found the roll call complete. Everything has been so perfectly arranged by District Manager W. H. Grogan, Jr., Mrs. Grogan, Capt. Bill Fetzer, with assistance of Mrs. Rogers, state manager for North Carolina, that the machinery of the conference moved off smoothly from the very beginning. There was some business transacted Tuesday, and Tuesday evening was devoted to the pleasant task of "getting acquainted," and much real enjoyment was had during the evening hours.

Wednesday morning another business session was held, and in the afternoon an automobile trip was taken to Caesar's Head, the people of Brevard taking part in this portion of the program.

Today, (Thursday) is known as "Carolina Day," and a parade will feature this occasion. Hundreds of Woodmen from the two Carolinas are in town for this day. The delegates and visiting Woodmen will march from the camp to Brevard, leaving Camp Sapphire at 2 o'clock. An exhibition drill team will be given on the square. The Brevard Municipal band will lead the parade and furnish music for the occasion.

Following is the program for the balance of the week:

Thursday "Carolina Day"

Instruction in team work, National Drill Instructor Jennie Willard presiding  
"Pep and Ginger" luncheon  
Street parade by W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle degree teams of Brevard  
Team Frolic

Friday:  
Junior graduation  
Ceremony of draping the charter  
Social evening

Saturday:  
Installation of officers  
Closing ceremony.

National officials of the Woodmen Circle, now in session at Camp Sapphire, issue a cordial invitation to the townspeople and their friends to come out to camp on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to see the team drill. Teams participating in the drill will include those from Alexandria, La., Birmingham, Ala., Atlanta, Ga., and Cleveland, Ohio.

**Actuary Here**  
James A. Blaha, Omaha, Nebraska, the society's actuary is present at the conference to explain the order's new certificates to the field workers.



MRS. ETHEL HOLLIWAY  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Chairman of National Auditors, Woodmen Circle, State Manager of Alabama.

#### TRIP TO BREVARD WON BY MUCH HARD WORK BY MEMBERS

List of Those Winning Coveted Trip, and Their Home Addresses

NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE HOSTESSES OF MEETING

Woodmen Circle Is Explained—Doing Great Work For Women of Country

The hard-worked-for, long-looked-forward-to meeting of the Woodmen Circle opened Tuesday at Camp Sapphire. Hard-worked-for, because the winning field workers in whose honor the meeting is being held have strained every effort during the last few months to pile up new business records which would make them winners. Long-looked-forward-to, because every one of the 200 field workers, national officers, drill team members, and interested members have been hearing wondrous tales of the scenic beauties of the Land of Waterfalls and have been anticipating with the keenest delight their visit to this "most alluring spot, in the very heart of a natural vacation land."

The society awarded the trip to its field workers in the eastern and southern middle parts of the country who reached certain stiff quotas assigned by the Field Work committee, consisting of National President Mary E. LaRocca and National Secretary Dora Alexander Talley of Omaha, Nebr., and National Drill Instructor Jennie Willard of Denison, Tex.

**Anticipate "Carolina Day"**  
Although the members do not know a great deal of the plans for "Carolina Day," they have all been notified of it, and are looking forward to it as a surprise and climax. When two great states, North and South Carolina, and two great fraternal societies, the Woodmen Circle and the Woodmen of the World, get together to put across an event of any kind, it is bound to succeed and to be something that will be long remembered by everyone who has the privilege of attending. "Carolina Day" is Thursday, August 30.

**What the Woodmen Circle Is**  
The Woodmen Circle is an adequate rate, fraternal benefit society which offers protection at cost. It is more than 102 per cent solvent and has \$21,000,000 assets. Its total combined membership is 155,836. This is a net gain of 14,694 in the last ten months. The society is managed entirely by women. It owns 214 acres of land at Sherman, Texas, where it will soon begin building operations on a Home for Aged Members and Orphan Children. More than 130 people are employed at national headquarters of the society in Omaha, Nebr.

That the Woodmen Circle has faith in North Carolina, faith in its present and faith in its future, is shown by the fact that it has invested \$2,350,000 in North Carolina bonds.

**Winners Come From Far and Near**  
Many of the society's leading field workers, who won the trip by dint of honest-to-goodness hard work are present representing the following state, Ohio, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Winning the trip proved to be contagious in many localities, for it happened a number of times that there was more than one winner from the same town. The state to have the largest delegation of winners is Pennsylvania. It has nine in all, including State Manager Itasca L. Young of Harrisburg, who is also a national auditor and member of the board of directors. Three of the Pennsylvania winners are from McKees Rocks, Mrs. Elizabeth Sassano, Mrs. Rose Yerles, and Mrs. Mary Jedinak. The other winners from that state are Mrs. Elizabeth Shields of Greensburg, Mrs. Verna Spack of Lansford, Mr. Richard Stefanski of Nanticoke, Mrs. Jennie Gallman of Reading, and Mrs. Margaret Schofield of Pittsburgh.

The city with the largest number of winners is New Orleans, La., which boasts of six. They are State Manager Elmore D. Vaeth, State President Belle Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Huber, Mrs. Katherine Cassidy, and Mrs. Gladys Turk.

There are four winners from the town of El Dorado, Ark.: Mrs. Mary Lee Barnett, Mrs. Estelle Gilmore, Mrs. Bess Dillard, and Mrs. Isa Kinard.

A number of places sent two winners each. Mrs. Laura Armstrong and Mrs. Josephine Dinnat came from Alexandria, La., Mrs. Mary Bennett and Miss Annie Johnson Watts from Meridian, Miss., Mr. William Bodeker and Mrs. Tillie Raleigh

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MRS. MARY E. LARocca  
Omaha, Nebr.  
National President of Woodmen Circle, attending conference at Camp Sapphire.

### TAX RATE SET AT \$2.75 FOR COUNTY

Rate Definitely Fixed By the Board—Tax Assessors Finish Work

Transylvania county's tax rate for this year will be \$2.75 on the hundred dollars assessment.

This definite action was taken by the county commissioners last Monday, after a fair estimate had been made of the total assessed valuation of the taxable property in the county. The tax assessors, Judson McCrary and Beverly Trantham, who have completed their work throughout the county, having the assistance in each township of the township assessor, were unable to give the exact figure of the total assessed valuation, due to the fact that the commissioners were still making adjustments Monday. Yet the estimate could be arrived at sufficiently close, in the opinion of the commissioners, to warrant the reduction in the rate from \$2.90, the first figures named, to the \$2.75, as finally adopted.

Failure of many citizens to list their personal property for taxation has caused much extra work for Tax Supervisor Alex Kizer, it is said. It is intimated that names of those who failed to list their personal property for taxation may be presented to the grand jury, and indictments asked for such failures.

Messrs. Trantham and McCrary have had an unusual experience in their work of assessing the property of the county. Many complimentary remarks have been heard as to their efforts to treat every one alike, and place fair valuations upon the property of the county. J. S. Silverstein, the largest tax payer of the county, spoke very highly of the work of the assessors last Monday, although the assessments on his various holdings are considerably higher this year than ever before.

### FISHER REUNION NEXT SATURDAY

Annual Fisher reunion will be held next Saturday, September 1, at the Lake Toxaway Baptist church. This reunion is one of the big county events of the year, attended in previous years by large numbers of people connected with the Fisher family, and it is expected that hundreds of people from all sections of the county and elsewhere will be present this year.

Prominent speakers will be heard and a general time of pleasure and profit is expected. A picnic dinner will be served on the ground at the noon hour.

### ORGANIZED CAMPS CLOSING SEASON

All of Transylvania county's 14 summer camps for boys and girls have closed for the 1928 season, and the 1,000 or more campers have left for their homes in various sections of the county.

According to reports coming from directors of the different camps, the season just closing has been a most successful one and practically all camps have been filled to capacity. The camps have been in operation for the past eight weeks, the officials and campers representing practically every state in the union.

Statements from many of the campers were to the effect that Brevard and surrounding sections are ideal locations for summer encampments, and many were heard to express the opinion that they expected to return next summer and bring others with them. Present indications point to a full camp season in 1929.



MRS. DORA A. TALLEY  
Omaha, Nebr.  
National Secretary of the Woodmen Circle, attending conference at Camp Sapphire.

### BIG BALL GAME TO BE PLAYED MONDAY

Tryon To Play an All-Star Team From the Commercial League

Many holiday events are being planned for Labor Day next Monday, chief among which will be a baseball game between Tryon and an All-Star team selected from the various teams in Transylvania Commercial league. The game will be played on the Institute grounds, at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, and it is expected that a record-breaking crowd of fans will witness the contest.

The probable line-up will be: Simpson, Fisher, Payne or Grogan pitching; Winecoff catching; McClure first; R. Bryson second; Clayton short; Fullbright third; with Holt, Short and Jones in the outfield.

It is thought that the game Monday will be only the beginning of several games to be scheduled during the early fall, providing sufficient support is given.

All positions on the "All-Star" will be hotly contested for by members of the four teams. Price is an outstanding man on first; Paxton is regarded as an extra good man on second or third with Edwin English trailing close behind; Ross, little Indian utility man for Carr Lumber company will be looking for a place on one of the three bags, while in the outfield Pruett and Allison from Pisgah Forest are classed as good; Macfie from the Tanners; and two players from Rosman. No doubt is in the minds of local fans that from this wide range of talent a winning team can be whipped into shape and real first class ball will be played. Payne and Fisher, both first year pitchers, are going strong with plenty of speed and control. Tommy Grogan has the slow ball to a fraz and is counted upon as a life saver where fast pitchers go down.

### MASONS TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Master Masons of the town and county are urged to attend a meeting this Friday night in the Masonic Hall, when members of the Executive Committee for the Advancement of Scottish Rite Masonry, from Asheville, will sell something of the higher degrees in the Order, and of the plans of the Scottish Rite Reunion to be held in November.

All members of the Scottish Rite living in the county are expected to be present without fail at the Friday night meeting. All Master Masons desiring to hear interesting talks on the higher degrees are cordially invited to be present.

### NOTICE, KIWANIS, MEETING CHANGED

Members of the Brevard Kiwanis club will take lunch with the Woodmen Circle at Camp Sapphire Friday at 1 o'clock. Each and every member of the club is expected to be on hand promptly, as this will be the club's regular meeting, and at the same time give the members an opportunity of meeting the several hundred visitors and showing the Kiwanis welcome to the ladies who are holding their sessions at Camp Sapphire this week.

There will be no meeting of the club Thursday.

**BOARD EDUCATION TO MEET ON NEXT TUESDAY**

Regular meeting of the county board of education will be held next week on Tuesday instead of Monday, on account of Labor Day holiday on Monday.

### TOM SURRETT MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS FROM HIS HOME

#### SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON NEXT MONDAY

Fine Corps of Teachers For the Coming Year's Work

TO BEGIN REAL WORK ON OPENING DATE

Will Endeavor To Do Nine Months' Work In Eight

The Brevard Public School will open Monday, September 3rd at 8:30. The outlook is promising for a much increased enrollment and a splendid year. About seventy-five new faces will be seen in the High School and an equal number will be added to the Elementary School.

Teachers for the different subjects and grades are as follows:

J. B. Jones, superintendent; Hinton McLeod, principal of High School and teacher of Mathematics; J. A. Glazener, Agriculture; Ernest Wilson, Science and coach; C. E. Wike, Latin and History; Miss Thelma Lockman, English; Mrs. Velma Brittain, History; Miss Juanita Puett, French and English; Mrs. E. R. Hamilton, Science; Miss Dorothy Russell, English; Miss Margaret E. Wannamaker, Science; Miss Sarah Keels, Mathematics; Miss Marguerite Robertson, Music; Miss Elizabeth Weaver, Home Economics.

Miss Izorah Reese, principal of Grammar School and teacher of seventh grade; Miss Alta Herring, seventh grade; Miss Rose Hamilton, sixth grade; Mrs. Ralph Duckworth, sixth grade; Miss Pearl Lyday, fifth grade; Miss Lois Wike, fifth grade; Mrs. J. B. Jones, fourth grade; Miss Garnet Lyday, fourth grade.

Mrs. F. P. Sledge, principal of Primary department and teacher of third grade; Miss Willie Aiken, third grade; Mrs. J. M. Tatum, second grade; Miss Bertie L. Ballard, second grade; Mrs. J. E. Ruffy, first grade; Miss Julia Skinner, first grade; Miss Eva Call, music.

The new teachers are: C. E. Wike, an A.B. graduate of the University of North Carolina and one year of successful experience as principal of Lake Toxaway school. He is interested in athletics for boys who are not members of first teams.

Miss Thelma Lockman is a B.A. graduate of the University of South Carolina. Among the honors she received at this institution was that of being president of the Euphrosynean Literary society. She has acted as referee and umpire at several events of the University. She will devote a part of her time to physical training for girls.

Mrs. Velma Brittain needs no introduction although she appears for the first time in the high school faculty, and has a new name. She was formerly Miss Velma Deyton, teacher of the sixth grade at our elementary school. She is an A.B. graduate of North Carolina College for Women.

Miss Juanita Puett is an A.B. graduate of the North Carolina College for Women, and has had several years of successful experience at Hamlet and Greensboro High schools. Miss Dorothy Russell is an A.B. graduate of Meredith College and has had four years of successful experience in the Athens Georgia High School. Miss Russell also has a degree in music.

Miss Margaret E. Wannamaker is an A.B. graduate of Newberry College and has had successful experience at Canard High school.

Miss Sarah Keels is an A.B. graduate of Greensboro College and has had several years of successful experience at Ellerbe High school.

Miss Alta Herring is an A.B. graduate of North Carolina College for Women and has had four years of successful experience in the Raleigh schools.

Miss Rose Hamilton has completed three years of college work at Asheville and North Carolina College for Women. For the past three years she has been one of the most popular teachers in the Aberdeen schools.

Last year an attempt was made to do nine months' work in eight. The results as measured by tests sent out by the State Department of Education show Brevard two points above the state average.

In order to save time for regular work there will be no general opening exercises, but parents and friends are always welcome at any of the school buildings. A big part of the success of last year was due to the splendid co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils.

**COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Teachers for the schools of the county, outside Brevard, have been selected, and with one or two possible exceptions, the following is a list of the places they are assigned for the year:

Pisgah Forest—J. E. Ruffy, Miss Julia Deaver, Miss Annie May Patton, Miss Flora Lyday, Mrs. Laura

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### BELIEVED TO HAVE DROWNED HIMSELF IN FRENCH BROAD

Letter to Brother-in-Law Says "I'll Pay Rest off High Bridge."

DILIGENT SEARCH HAS BEEN MADE FOR BODY

Financial Worry Said By His Friends To Have Affected Surret's Mind

Wednesday Nathan Norton, brother-in-law of Tom Surret, received a letter said to have been written by the latter, in which a list of Surret's indebtedness was given with instructions to Norton to sell Surret's stock and apply on debts. The letter is said also to contain a request to Norton to look after Surret's family. He said in the letter, it is reported, that he could not bear to see his family thrown out of their home, and closed with the statement: "I will pay the rest of my debts off the high bridge at Penrose."

Late Wednesday afternoon the sheriff and citizens were dragging the river below the Penrose bridge.

Tom Surret, farmer of the Penrose section, mysteriously disappeared from his home late Monday evening, and since that time no trace whatever has been found, although officers and many citizens have made diligent search. Officers are working on the theory that Surret has committed suicide, and search of the section for the body has been thorough.

Mr. Surret had been working on the railroad since the freshets two weeks ago, and it is said he worked Monday, quitting at 6 o'clock. The report is that he gave his dinner bucket to a lad and asked him to go by the Surret home and tell Mrs. Surret and the children to attend to the milking and feeding, as he intended to go by his father's home and visit with them for a while. Consequently no alarm was felt for the safety of Surret until about midnight, when he had not reached home the alarm was given.

Neighbors and officers were called in and the search began. One place was found, it is said, where the missing man had been seated in the weeds and high grass, and fragments of many checks were found, indicating that Surret had emptied his pockets of all papers. The checks had been torn into bits.

Another report is that the barking of a dog at the home of Mr. John Wilson, near Enon, aroused one of the summer boarders who says she looked out the window and saw a man passing through the yard, very late in the evening. Search was then made at the deep water skirting the edge of Lyday's Bluff, and it is said a pencil and a piece of blank paper was found. Also there were tracks leading to the water's edge, but none returning. The water is very deep at this place, and it is said the peculiarities of the stream here were well known to Surret. The sharp bend of the river at Lyday's Bluff has washed out a very deep place in the stream on the bluff side, where the waters turn back upstream, in swirling fashion.

Sheriff Sitton and Eck Sims have been leading the searching parties, and under the direction of Mr. Sims, the deep pools were dynamited late Tuesday afternoon. Sheriff Sitton and many citizens of the community returned to the task of both dynamiting and dragging the river along the bluff's edge.

It is said Mr. Surret was very

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MRS. EFFIE ROGERS  
Raleigh, N. C.  
State Manager of Woodmen Circle in North Carolina; at Camp Sapphire this week.