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## OVERTON ERWIN'S PICTURE OF HAVOC IN STORM'S WAKE

Tells of 200 Dead Bodies Being  
Hauled In On a Single  
Barge

SAYS NO ONE CAN EVER  
IMAGINE THE SUFFERING

Impossible To Describe the  
Horror of the Agonized  
Suffering People

Overton Erwin, one of the best known young men of this town, has written a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Erwin, in which he describes the awful conditions existing in the hurricane-swept area about Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. Read it, and while reading the letter, read also the challenge to the people of Brevard and Transylvania county to "do unto others as ye would have them do to you." If your little children were hungry, and cold, and naked, and homeless, as Mr. Erwin describes the Florida people, you would think it strange that any prosperous community would refuse to help you in such dilemma.

Read Mr. Erwin's letter, and let's go! Here it is:

"Dear Mama:  
"Well I arrived in Palm Beach Friday morning. You asked me to write all about this place which is just about as impossible as anything I know of. No one in the world could describe this place to one who hadn't seen it and make them believe half of it. Seeing is the only way in the world to realize what a disaster this town has had. Why in the world hundreds weren't killed I don't know. I have never seen such a wreck in my life as this whole place is.

"I don't think the 1926 storm in Miami did near as much property damage as this one according to the size of the two towns. Out in the glades they are finding dead bodies by the hundreds. A lady who lives near us is a nurse and has been out there helping them disinfect the bodies.

"Thursday afternoon they brought in 200 bodies on one barge besides the ones smaller boats picked up. The bodies have been lying out so long they are beginning to fall to pieces when they try to pick them up.

"They ran a steam shovel here at the negro cemetery to dig graves for they were coming in so fast they couldn't take care of them. They have already buried over 850 bodies here in West Palm Beach. I don't know how many white people are among them.

"Mrs. Deering said one town out there which they weren't able to get to for several days was smelling so badly that those living are having to get out of it.

"The playground of the rich is certainly a wreck too. The big boat and tennis club, a very exclusive club on the ocean front, is practically in total wreck. Water was away up in all the houses and has about ruined everything over there.

"Hope you all are o. k. Our place was not completely wrecked but many houses all about us were. As I said, seeing this place is the only way in the world to know what a wreck the place is."

## NO MORE PARKING ABOUT THEATRES

F. M. Jordan, state deputy insurance commissioner, with headquarters in Asheville, was in Brevard last week in conference with the fire department and city officials in regard to matters pertaining to enforcement of the state fire laws in Brevard.

Mr. Jordan instructed the officials to rigidly enforce the state law prohibiting the parking of automobiles in front of public theatres and moving picture houses, to insure safety in case of fire. In executing enforcement of this law, no cars will be allowed to be parked in front of the Clemson Theatre on Main street, nor along the side of this building on Caldwell avenue. The same law will apply to the Carolina Theatre, prohibiting the parking of automobiles in front of the building on Broadway and along the side facing Jordan street.

Fire Chief J. S. Bromfield was also instructed by the state official to enforce the law prohibiting the parking of cars in the marked space around all fire plugs on the streets, urging him to execute the penalty on all violators of these state laws.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SPEAKS HERE SATURDAY

Hon. W. H. Fisher, candidate for the office of lieutenant-governor on the republican ticket, is scheduled to speak in the county court house this Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Fisher is a resident of Sampson county, and said to be a speaker of unusual ability.

In the advertisement announcing the speaking, an invitation is extended the public to hear the speaker, and a special invitation is given the ladies of the county to hear Mr. Fisher.

## MR. SILVERSTEEN IN RED CROSS CALL

As Chairman of Local Chapter,  
Appeal Is Made for  
Quick Relief

To the People of  
Transylvania County:

Again the American Red Cross is making an appeal to the people of this county for help for the sufferers of our Sister State of Florida.

The newspapers have fully described the horrible disaster that took place in the Palm Beach section, the terrible loss of life, suffering and devastation that has gone on in this stricken area. Some of the people of Brevard living in that section have tried to describe the suffering, and devastation which is indescribable.

They are calling on all of us in the name of humanity to help them in their dire need and suffering, and the American Red Cross, as the Great Mother of our Country, who promptly went to their help, is calling on all of us to give as much as possible so they can continue their help to those in great need.

The Transylvania County Chapter of the American Red Cross has arranged for committees to call on you on Thursday afternoon, and we beg of you to do everything you can and help as much as possible so that this Chapter can do its part in this great emergency.

JOS. S. SILVERSTEEN,  
Chairman,  
Transylvania County Chapter,  
The American Red Cross.

(By VERNON A. CRAWFORD)

Every need constitutes an opportunity. This is a principle of unselfish living which is meeting with increasing recognition and approval. Florida's great need of help as a result of the recent hurricane becomes increasingly evident as we learn the full truth as to the extent of the disaster which has all but overwhelmed them.

I have just received a letter from my sister, sent to my parents and forwarded to me, written from West Palm Beach on Tuesday morning, two days after the storm there. Among other things she writes:

"This is the worst storm ever experienced in Florida. West Palm Beach is a wreck. Everybody now is working to help those who are destitute and without food, clothing, or anything. It will be days before the full extent of the damage is known but the place is the biggest wreck I've ever seen. The property damage and desolation could not be much worse."

Thus firsthand information confirms the news reports of this terrible disaster. Here is our opportunity to bind more closely together clothing to help our suffering Florida and of Western North Carolina. Every man, woman and child should give as liberally as possible to the Red Cross campaign for funds and clothing to help our suffering Florida friends. "A friend in need, is a friend indeed." "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

## CLOTHING WANTED BY STORM VICTIMS

Announcement is made by Mrs. O. L. Erwin, chairman of the ladies division of the local Red Cross, that those desiring to donate clothing suitable for the tropics, for the relief of the Porto Rico storm sufferers are asked to leave same at once at the Chamber of Commerce. A box will be sent within a few days to the storm sufferers and the committee in charge desire to have as large a contribution as possible.

## MEETING TO BE ON FACTORY SUBJECT

Brevard Kiwanis club will celebrate the coming to Western North Carolina of the world's biggest rayon plant at the meeting this Thursday noon. The program is in charge of T. W. Whitmire, J. M. Allison and John Smith, and will look to the future of Brevard's industrial growth in view of the big recognition that has come to this section through the erection of the big rayon plant at Asheville.

All members are urged to be present. No further notices will be given of the meeting. The directors have decided to abandon the plan of calling the members over the telephone each Thursday, believing the members should be sufficiently interested in their own club to remember the meeting date and hour without having other members go to the trouble of calling up all members each week.

## CONVERTED JEW TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, a converted Jew and engaged in the Home Mission field of the Baptist church, serving the Jews of the South, is scheduled to preach in the Brevard Baptist church next Sunday night. The minister is said to be a speaker of pleasing personality, and a real student of the Bible, and his sermon here is awaited with interest.

## Intense Suffering Among Florida Hurricane Victims

Hauling Their Dead on Barges, and Digging  
Graves With Steam Shovels—Property  
Damage Staggering—Immediate Relief  
Needed—Friends of Brevard People Are  
Among the Victims—13 Members of One  
Family Dead.

Just think of piling dead people on barges, whole barge loads of them, bodies piled upon bodies, just like logs!

Just think of one man, wandering about the ruins of his home, with thirteen members of his family killed within two minutes' time! Wife, children, father, mother, all of them snatched away from him in the twinkling of an eye.

Just think of hundreds of homes demolished, business houses blown down and the stock of goods scattered wherever the mad winds rushed about, farm houses utterly destroyed, cattle and chickens and all house pets killed and their dead bodies decaying along the highways and over the fields.

Just think of the half-crazed, hungry, heart-broken people wandering about the ruins of their homes, stepping over the dead bodies of their loved ones, with everything they possessed on earth wiped out!

People of Brevard and Transylvania county, try to think of these things, try to picture these awful conditions, and you will glimpse dimly, in your mind, the awful horror of the situation in Florida, where the hurricane ten days ago played havoc with fair Florida.

Thinking of these things, and remembering that Florida has contributed much to the prosperity of this community, and that Florida people are our personal friends who live here during the summer months, people whom we have learned to love, let's go to them now in their distress and suffering.

The Red Cross is attempting to handle the situation down there, as it does everywhere, when people are in distress. This county has been asked for \$750, that's all, just \$750 as this county's share for the naked, starving, heart-broken victims of the awful hurricane.

The Red Cross, nor the newspapers, have told half of the story of suffering. J. S. Silversteen, chairman of the local chapter of the Red Cross, has been busy since the first call for aid for the Florida people. He has named Rev. Wallace Hartsell and Alex Kiser as a committee in charge of the canvass to be made today (Thursday) and will be continued until the amount has been raised.

Men and women of Brevard, of Rosman, of Pisgah Forest, and in all community centers of the county, have readily responded to work on the committee, to make house to house calls for aid in behalf of suffering Florida.

When they come to YOUR home or place of business, remember fair Florida has been laid low by the awful hurricane, and her good people are suffering, and need YOUR aid.

Red Cross booths are placed in both banks, the drug stores, and at other convenient points. Don't pass these booths by, for they are there because our friends in Florida are suffering, and need your aid, and need it NOW!

God has blessed this community of ours. He raised these towering mountain peaks and placed the great range of ridges all about this section, and protects us from the terrors of hurricanes and cyclones. In gratitude to Him for the creation of this natural protection of our loved ones, let us give to the relief of the sufferers in Florida as we have never before given to any cause. If necessary, let us go without one meal, in order to give something to those who have no meals at all, except as that great organization, The Red Cross, provides for those meals.

## KING OF KINGS IS COMING HERE SOON

"King of Kings," pronounced one of the greatest motion pictures ever screened, is to be shown in Brevard at an early date, according to announcement made by the Clemson Theatre. Press reports from all sections of the country where the picture has been shown give glowing accounts of the bigness of the picture, and the genuine enjoyment of the audiences viewing the great picture.

It is expected that people from all over the county will avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing this unusual picture when it comes to the Clemson.

## WOMEN'S BUREAU MEETS MONDAY AFTERNOON

October meeting of the Women's Bureau will be held next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce room. An interesting meeting is expected and a full attendance is urged. The program will be in charge of Miss Florence Kern and her group.

The meeting of the directors of the Bureau will be held Friday afternoon of this week at the Chamber of Commerce.

## HON. "PETE" MURPHY TO SPEAK HERE NEXT WEEK

Hon. Walter R. Murphy, known to thousands of friends as "Pete" Murphy, will speak in Brevard Thursday night of next week, according to announcement by democratic committee.

## SINGING CONVENTION SUNDAY

The regular quarterly singing convention will be held at the court house next Sunday. Everyone in-

## TEACHERS GUESTS OF KIWANIS CLUB

With every teacher in the Brevard schools present as guests, the Brevard Kiwanis club held a most enjoyable meeting last Thursday evening. The program was in charge of Kiwanians Calhoun Henderson and Julian Glazener. The committee on arrangements was made up from the bachelor group in the club, to wit: Pat Kimzey, Dr. Newland, Walter Hart and Anthony Trantham, and this committee had performed its duties exceedingly well, according to statements made by President Shipman at the meeting.

For two hours the club entertained the teachers, and it was a pleasant two hours, the evening's program being climaxed with an invitation from Kiwanian Clement to the club and all visitors to attend the Clemson Theatre as his guests.

Other teachers of the county are to be invited in groups, to attend meetings within the near future, it being the desire of the club to make the acquaintance of every teacher in the county.

## JACK FROST MAKES HIS APPEARANCE IN TOWN

Jack Frost has been flirting with this section for several mornings, and early Wednesday made his appearance in grand style. Frost was thick all about Brevard Wednesday, and it is reported that he had visited other sections of the county days ago.

This is unusually early for frost, it is said by older citizens who have watched this advent each year. It is not believed Wednesday's frost was a murderous affair, but the chill in the air indicates real killing frosts at most any time now.

## PROMINENT PAIR TO WED HERE SOON

Brevard Society to Assist In  
Event—Everybody Invited  
to the Ceremony

Fun lovers of the community are anticipating much pleasure next Tuesday evening, October 2, at the High School auditorium, when the Zander-Gump wedding will be staged under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church. Characters for the wedding are taken from the comic sections of the newspapers, and those participating in the event will include a large number of well known and talented men and women and boys and girls of the town. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Brevard orchestra, accompanied by Miss Marguerite Robertson at the piano.

The wedding party will include: Groomsmen, Mr. Whipple and Hairbreadth Harry; bridesmaids, Tillie the Toiler and Belinda; flower girl, Orphan Annie; ring bearer, Chester Gump; train bearers, Katzenjammer Kids; honor, Henrietta Zander; matron of honor, Min Gump; groom, Uncle Ben; best man, Andy Gump.

Those participating in the wedding will include the following: Mrs. J. B. Pickelsimer, Mrs. Hugh Walker, Mrs. Hume Harris, Mrs. Fred Zachary, Mrs. L. B. Haynes, Mrs. Edgar Loftis, Mrs. W. H. Underwood, Misses Lila Bracken, Mary Osborne Wilkins, Almata Waters, Willie Kate Waters, Odell Nicholson, Annie Sitton, Beatrice Daniels, Agnes Clayton, Margaret Miller, Sarah Keels, Eva Call, Martha Cowan.

Mothers S. M. Macfie, Pat Kimzey, J. W. Smith, T. G. Miller, Jerry Jerome, Rush Whitmire, Anthony Trantham, Brown Carr, Harry Sellers, Charles Moore, Luther Wood, Frank Fenwick, Philip Price, Harry Bryson, C. O. Robinson, Joe Tinsley, Walter Clayton, Richard Aiken, David Price, Ralph Underwood, Carl Hendricks, Charles Pickelsimer, Tommie Gheen, Billy Gheen, Walter Bryson, Oliver Orr, Edward Clayton.

Directors in charge of the affair are, Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, Mrs. L. B. Haynes and Mrs. D. L. English.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETING IS HELD

Hartsell Raps Fathers For Little  
Interest Taken In  
Important Work

(By SECRETARY)

The first meeting of the year of the High School Parent-Teacher Association was held Monday afternoon in the school auditorium with a good representation of parents and teachers present.

The meeting, which was in charge of the president, Mrs. John Maxwell, was opened by a short talk by Rev. Wallace Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, in which he suggested the name of the organization be changed to Mothers-Teachers Association.

Three folk dances were given by the physical training classes. They were much enjoyed and showed the good training given the pupils.

Prof. Jones made a very interesting talk in which he told of the usefulness of a Parent-Teacher organization and made suggestions as to how the parents and teachers might become better acquainted and thus work together more intelligently with the children.

It was decided by the association to have a flower sale each Saturday at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, as long as sales proved profitable, of plants, bulbs, cut flowers and seeds. These to be donated by members of the organization or others interested in the work, and priced by donor at reasonable prices, the proceeds to be added to the treasury fund of the P. T. A. Plants, bulbs, etc., to be left at Chamber of Commerce Saturday mornings, or a list of various things that can be contributed. Also those desiring plants, etc., not on sale, can leave a list of same. In this way the wants can all be supplied, and at the same time a neat sum raised to help in a work that will benefit the whole community.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. John Maxwell; vice president, Mrs. Gus Gillespie; secretary, Mrs. Lottie Duckworth; treasurer, Mrs. Joe Johnson.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY

County commissioners will meet next Monday in regular monthly session, the first Monday coming in October on the first day of the month. Other county boards will also hold their regular business meetings on this date.

## CONGRESSMAN WEAVER VISITS FRIENDS HERE

Hon. Zebulon Weaver, member of Congress from this district and the democratic candidate for election in the present campaign, was a visitor in Brevard last Thursday. Mr. Weaver has many friends here with whom he conferred regarding his candidacy.

## THUGS TAMPERING WITH POWER LINES OF LOCAL COMPANY

Hundred Dollar Reward Is  
Offered for Capture of  
the Gang

BLOOD HOUNDS BROUGHT  
AND PLACED ON TRAIL

Officers From Three Counties  
Spent Saturday Night  
In Search

Thugs were again busy last Saturday night, tampering with the electric light wires of the Cascade Power company, causing trouble with the local lighting system, and resulting in throwing out the switch at the sub-station in Brevard. The other trouble experienced within the Etowah section, where wires had been thrown across the power line wires, somewhat similar, it is said, to the manner in which the trouble was caused a week previous.

This time, however, officials of the company were ready for the thugs. Local officers, with officers from Henderson and Buncombe counties, with a pack of bloodhounds, picked what is said to be the trail of the perpetrators of the dastardly work in Brevard and around the Etowah section, and it is expected arrests will soon be made of the guilty parties. All night Saturday night, officers worked on the case.

Officials of the power company declare it to be their intention to prosecute to the limit of the law and all people against whom proof can be secured of tampering with the power and light system in any manner. Notice of a reward being offered for information leading to the conviction of any one guilty of this heinous and low crime is made on another page of The Brevard News.

It is said that vigilance committees, made up of law-abiding citizens in the communities affected, have been formed and will assist the officers in watching for sneaks who tamper with the power and light lines. It is intimated that arrests soon to be made will be startling to this community.

## THIEVES ENTERED MR. BRYSON'S HOME

Thieves are still busy in Brevard, and house-breaking seems to hold no terrors for the thieves, nor does the fact that the death in the electric chair awaits him who enters the home of another, by stealth, appear to have any deterrent effect upon the bold thief or thieves.

Last Saturday night the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cling Bryson was entered, and money taken from the pockets of Mr. Bryson's clothing. It is said, a screen on a rear window was removed, and the window raised was the method employed by the thief in entering the house.

Two weeks ago several houses were entered, and money and other valuables stolen.

It is believed the thief is an expert, for it is not considered possible for a young man, inexperienced in house-breaking, to gain entrance to homes, prowl about at will, without arousing the sleeping inmates.

## HARRY SITTON IS ON COLLEGE BAND

Among the young men leaving Brevard for study in the various colleges and universities, and who are making good in different activities for which they are especially fitted, is Harry Sitton, who is attending State College, Raleigh, and who has been chosen for membership in the college band.

Young Sitton was a member of the Brevard Municipal band, where he received his training to fit him for membership in the large band of State College. Other local boys, who have gotten their start in the musical field under the efficient leadership of Prof. F. J. Cutter, director of the municipal band, have done credit to themselves and to their former director in their participation in bands and orchestras of other institutions of learning.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IS PROGRESSING

Home demonstration activities throughout the county are in a progressive condition and much interest is being manifest in the various school districts of the county.

Mrs. Sarah Porter Ellis, supervisor of the mountain district of home demonstration agents, was in Brevard the past week, accompanying Miss Sprinkle, the Transylvania agent, on an inspection trip to several of the schools and communities. Mrs. Ellis expressed herself as being highly pleased with the progress shown in the work in the short time that Miss Sprinkle has been connected with it in this county, and was of the opinion that splendid cooperation was in evidence among the schools, the local agent and the people of the different communities.