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**SIC 'EM, CRAIG, YOU'RE
IN THE GAME TO STAY.**

Brother John B. Craigmiles, editor of The Mitchell County Banner, is advising his people to keep cool about the proposition of consolidating some of the smaller counties. This question has been going the rounds for some time, and was given prestige when Governor Gardner recommended it in his message to the legislature. "You can go to bed for the next 25 years," Editor Craigmiles says in writing about consolidation, "and get up next morning with the knowledge that Mitchell county is still Mitchell county."

Editor Craigmiles says further that the citizens of his county would vote nine to one against any consolidation of his county with that of any other.

We are open minded on the question. Frankly, we do not see any benefit to be derived from such consolidation. True it is that the number of court houses, jails, poor houses, and sickle, would be reduced. There is argument in its favor. But what about the larger opportunities for mismanagement and graft? Look at Buncombe, our biggest county, if that county had been any bigger, there would not have been any money left in the United States by now.

We prefer to remain as we are until assured that a change will be beneficial to the citizens.

**TEAR GAS BOMBS GREET
MARCHERS IN HUNGRY LINE.**

St. Louis, Missouri, was the scene last Friday of an act that may have a flareback of considerable proportions. An army of jobless men and women, without food and without means of obtaining food, marched to the City Hall in demonstration against existing conditions, bearing a petition for creation of a fund for relief of the poor by deducting all pay of city officials who are drawing more than \$2000 a year.

City officials bungled the matter by ordering the police to disperse the crowd. Tear gas bombs were thrown into the crowd, the members of which made haste to reach the big outdoors.

Throwing of tear gas bombs by officers of the law into a crowd of hungry, desperate people usually suggests the throwing of other kinds of bombs, and it need not surprise you to read one of these days about the destruction of the mayor's home with bombs more powerful than tear gas bombs.

We're coming to a pretty pass in America when hungry citizens make effort to reach the governing bodies, and are met with bombs. Revolution is not far away, when this point is reached. America, her states and municipalities would do well to remember that hungry men do not have much patience. Kingdoms have crumbled, empires have vanished and republics have fallen, when hunger stalks the land. Better be careful about that tear gas bomb business.

**CHAIN GANG SENTENCE FOR
ABSENTEE BALLOT FRAUDS.**

Down at High Point, this state, a man by the name of Oates is given sentence of four months on the chain gang, and a woman by the name of Muse gets off with a fine, account of swearing that she was forced to perform her part of forgery. It appears that Oates and Mrs. Muse forged the name of Miss Anne Belle Perrell to an absentee ballot, and were indicted for the offense and given trial in Superior court, Judge Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, presiding.

The Muse woman claims she signed the ballot and affidavit "under duress," was given a fine of \$50 and half the costs. Oates was given time on the chain gang.

This information will be welcome news to some people in Transylvania county who had been led to believe that it is of no use to prosecute people for election frauds, on the grounds that nothing ever comes of these attempts. Here is one judge in North Carolina whose work on the bench gives evidence that punishment can be meted out to such violators of the law.

Perhaps this High Point case will assist some people in Transylvania county to reach conclusion, after many weeks of inactivity

the uncertainty of probable success in their efforts. People who violate the election laws ought to be prosecuted and punished. Judge Sink's court is to be commended for its ready disposal of the cases before him. A few first class chain gang sentences will stop much of the high-handed thievery about the primaries and general elections.

**NO TELEPHONE SERVICE
IN NEWS OFFICE NOW.**

We must ask the co-operation of our readers in handing items into the office that they desire published, as our telephone service has been discontinued. Some inconvenience will result, of course, yet we can get much better information from people in person than can be obtained over the telephone.

Most of you have had your telephones temporarily discontinued, at one time or another, owing to the ironclad rules observed by Mr. Jim Bromfield in the operation of his business. In ordinary times Mr. Jim Bromfield's rules are o. k., but these are not ordinary times. The business men and professional men of Brevard owe The Brevard News several hundreds of dollars, while the people of the town and county owe subscriptions amounting to several hundreds of dollars more. We are not pushing any of these people for what they owe the paper, because people cannot, under the present circumstances, pay their accounts as they could in the past. We know that they will pay when they can, yet this condition makes it impossible for us to pay everything that we owe.

Seeing this condition, and not wishing to provoke those who owe us with constant dingdonging for their accounts, we went out of town and made arrangements to secure money with which to operate our business for a while, carrying us over until this cloud passes. This money was coming to us just as quickly as it was possible to close the deal. We explained this to the telephone company on Monday of last week. On Thursday morning our phone, along with several others in the town, was cut off by the company. We then had the phone taken completely out of the office, hence our telephoneless condition today.

And while we are on this subject of telephones, isn't it about time that some reduction was being made in telephone rent? Everything else is down in price. Clothing, dry goods, groceries, meats, farm produce, labor, and everything show marked reduction in price. Why not the same reduction in telephone rent? The present rates are tolerably high, and goodness knows the service is nothing to brag about, or to bring a premium. We are confident that the patrons of the telephone company would appreciate a reduction in price, especially in view of the ironclad rules of the company which prevents it from entering into any community movement of leniency during periods like the people at this time are having to live under.

Our only regret in the matter is that some of our friends and supporters may be inconvenienced in not being able to call The News office. As for ourselves, we shall manage to plod along very well without the instrument. The telephone is a convenience, but not a necessity, you know. Most of us fellows were grown, married, and had children coming up to a pretty good size before we ever saw one of the pesky things, anyhow.

Some mighty good people here have told us that ice used to sell for one dollar a hundred in Brevard, until the Purity Products company started making ice. Then it went down, away down.

There's lots to think about when one gets started to thinking.

**PROF. JONES PROUD OF
RECORD OF THE BOYS.**

Prof. Jones, head of the schools in Brevard, speaks with great pride when telling about the number of boys in the High School. It is rather unusual, the school man says, when there are as many boys in High School as there are girls.

In the Brevard High there are 170 boys and 134 girls. Prof. Jones, while always appreciating the good work done in the schools by the girls, is especially proud of the large group of boys and young men, and the fine interest they are taking in school work and school activities.

In all of the Brevard schools there are 410 boys and 412 girls—almost equal number. It means something to a community where there are 400 boys in school, 170 of whom are in the High School, and Prof. Jones has sufficient cause for being proud of these fellows.

The community shares this pride with Prof. Jones. While we are on the subject, the community is proud of Prof. Jones, too.

**ONLY A REFLECTION OF
YOUR OWN COMMUNITY.**

One of our "good friends" who prides himself on his superior mentality and boundless wisdom has made severe criticism of The Brevard News, because, he says this paper should not "agitate the community" by telling of the quarrels between the leaders over matters of public affairs.

Let us suggest to that good man this simple act: Stand before your mirror, and look at the reflection therein. Make an ugly face, and you will see an ugly face in the mirror. Smile, and you will see a smiling face in the mirror. Look vigorous, and a similar look will be seen on the face reflected in the glass.

Get the community to working together, and these good works will be reflected in your newspaper. Create a happy, kind, considerate feeling of friendship and comradeship in this community, and its every feature will be reflected in your newspaper. Fight one another, and these fights must be reflected in your newspaper.

Just as the man looking into the mirror sees his own face reflected therein, so does the newspaper reflect the picture, or image, of the community.

It is, therefore, necessary to have some semblance of community harmony and helpfulness, if such spirit is to be reflected in the press. If you fight, all the newspaper can do is to tell about the fight. If you work together, then the newspaper can tell in glowing terms of this fine spirit.

Common sense suggests harmony in this community.

Common interests suggest harmony in this community.

But there is no sense in calling black white.

There is no reason for a doctor to call a cancer some kind of a pet dimple on the cheek of the victim, and try to make him think it is a thing of beauty, when, in fact, it is a thing of horror.

There is no sense in a newspaper telling that men are in loving mood, with their arms around one another's necks, when, in fact, each fellow has a dagger stuck to the hilt in his neighbor's side.

Let's stop fighting, and then there'll be no fighting to write about. Let's be real neighbors and real citizens, and then we shall draw upon our reserve of descriptive adjectives in telling of the wondrous beauty of it all.

**JUNK THE ABSENTEE VOTERS
LAW, SAYS THE OBSERVER.**

Practically all charges and talk of serious irregularities in the primaries and election in North Carolina last year have revolved around the operation of the absentee voters' law. The sore spot should be cut out by repeal of the law. It was enacted to provide a means for the soldiers in the World War to vote. It has served its day and should be junked.

And The Charlotte Observer is THE outstanding democratic newspaper of North Carolina, at that. Yet it says the hateful Absentee Voters law should be repealed.

Representative Howell, democratic legislative member from Buncombe county, has introduced a bill in the legislature to repeal this obnoxious, thieving law, in Buncombe county, and is supported in his action by hundreds of the best democrats of Buncombe county.

Women's organizations in the state have asked and insisted that the Absentee Voters law be repealed.

Who wants it kept on the statute books? And why? And for what purpose is it used?

We wonder if Representative W. M. Henry would introduce a bill to repeal the law as to Transylvania county. He is a good man, a pillar in the church, yet he must know something of the operation of the Absentee Voters law in this county.

We believe that Mr. Henry, if left to heed the dictates of his own conscience, would gladly do all that he could to remove from the statute books this law which is bringing so much shame and disgrace upon the state through its misuse in the hands of crooked and conscienceless ward-heeler politicians.

It wouldn't do any harm to ask Mr. Henry to repeal the law for this county. If he can exercise his own will in the matter, we believe that he will do it.

'WAY OUT WEST

Editor The Brevard News: Please send me The Brevard News for one year. Enclosed find \$2.00. Yours truly,
WELCH REID.
Clatskanie, Ore., Box 259.
Jan. 18.

FROM FLORIDA

Editor The Brevard News: Enclosed please find one dollar to apply on my subscription. Yours truly,
H. C. HANOR.
Dunedin, Fla., Jan. 18.

**JUDGE ENGLISH SAYS ACT
IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

Editor Brevard News, I had hoped that by now that our Representative Mr. Wm. Henry, would have furnished the Clerk of myself with a copy of the bill passed by the General Assembly at his instance, wherein the County Court is attempted to be abolished, but for some reason unknown to me, he has failed to furnish either the Clerk or myself with any information in regard to his Acts in the matter, however, I procured an unofficial copy from Mr. Breese and herein enclose a copy of the same that you are at liberty to publish for the benefit of the public, if you so desire.

I find the Act to be purely Local and apparently in direct conflict with certain provisions of our State Constitution.

I have not made up my mind as to just what course I will pursue in regard to the County Court and Mr. Henry's Act, but you may say to your readers that for the present I have resumed the general practice and am in position to attend to any matters either Civil or Criminal that may be given me in charge, until further notice.

D. L. ENGLISH

**SHOULD MARRIED WOMEN
BE RETAINED AS PUBLIC
SCHOOL TEACHERS?**

Editor Brevard News: There appears to be a tendency in our county and throughout the country to bar married women from teaching in our public schools. The resolution as generally adopted provides that the marriage of a woman teacher shall automatically terminate her contract.

While various reasons have been urged for barring matrons from the schoolroom, it is difficult to find any justification for this drastic prohibition. A follow-up of any reasons given will usually lead back to the practical and political reason that, with a wage-earning husband of her own, she is keeping some single girl out of a position.

On the face of it, it is rather hard to understand why the otherwise qualified young woman who becomes the wife of a young business or professional man, or a farmer or mechanic whose habits and standing in the community are creditable, should be automatically barred from the schoolroom on that account. The dignity and glory of wifehood and motherhood have always been extolled in the highest terms by author, artist, preacher and poet. Even the Scriptures tell us matrimony "is honorable in all." Yet in certain cities, counties and schools the school teacher who marries automatically faces the loss of her position.

Is the married teacher less fit to handle youth because of her marriage? Is her character, her technical skill, her interest in the work of lesser quality than her unmarried sister? Indeed, the married teacher, for the most part, brings to the work a broader outlook, greater understanding of pupils' problems, a more sympathetic attitude and maturer judgement. In the main she continues teaching, where permitted to do so, because of her devotion to the work and because of her real interest in the welfare of childhood.

One argument against the employment of the married teacher that has a semblance of plausibility is the expressed fear that her interest will be divided between her home and her classroom. To a certain extent, of course, the married teacher will divide her interests between her home and her school work. Yet careful observation has proved it to be evident that it is not always the married teacher who puts on her hat and coat at the dismissal hour in the afternoon, closes her desk, and departs without thought of her classroom till the next morning.

Marriage usually acts as an efficient sieve to winnow out those who really have a taste and an aptitude for the profession of teaching and those whose incentive for teaching was mainly centered around the pay-check. Usually it is the efficient teacher who desires to continue teaching after she changes the prefix on her visiting card from Miss to Mrs.

After all, our schools are, or should be, conducted primarily for the interest of the children whom the state and community are educating, not to provide positions and salaries for young women, married or single. Any viewpoint which seriously considers any other reason than securing the best teachers available, must inevitably result in a lowering of standards and decreased efficiency. The best teacher, from the standpoint of character, training, experience and efficiency, is the kind of teacher that should be considered for every public school position whether she be old or young, single or married. "By their fruits ye shall know them." By their work and the significant results of that work teachers may be known, and by those qualities they should be appreciated and recognized.

T. C. HENDERSON

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Editor The Brevard News: Enclosed you will find my check for \$2.00 for which please renew my subscription for another year. Am very much interested in the outcome of the bank situation, so give us some more along this line. I think the political situation up there is ruining the town for keeps. As Amos would say "The town is in a mess." Very truly yours,
SAM'L B. KING.
Summerville, S. C., Jan. 17.

FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Editor The Brevard News: Please find enclosed money order for \$2.00 for renewal of paper for another year. My subscription expires in February. Seems as if I can't be without my home town paper. Wishing The News much success, Respectfully,
MRS. J. F. MATNEY
Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 17.

**EXPRESSING THANKS TO
THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS.**

During the past week the following friends have sent in their subscriptions and renewals to The Brevard News, for which we are deeply grateful:
E. H. Jones, Brevard, R-2.
A. C. Norton, 19 E. Main street, New London, Ohio.
W. P. Allison, Brevard.
J. A. Mull, Brevard, R-3.
Spurgeon Owen, Toxaway, R-1.
Welch Reid, Box 259, Clatskanie, Oregon.
Sam Barnett, Brevard.
H. C. Hanor, Dunedin, Fla.
Mrs. J. F. Matney, Winston-Salem, R-2.
Mrs. J. L. Aiken, 816 N. Pond street, Ocala, Fla.
Sam'l B. King, Summerville, S. C.
Miss Alize Wall, Box 209, Elizabeth City, N. C.
B. F. Beasley, Brevard.
Geo. Wilson, Brevard, R-3.

**PRAISES NEW FAMILY
IN COUNTY**

Editor The Brevard News: Transylvania county has recently had an addition that is to mean much to the future of this section. I am telling now about the coming of the J. Wade Dickson family, from Oconee county, South Carolina, to the Martin farm, at Selma. I had heard of their removal to our county, and knowing them years ago I took the first opportunity to visit them. Last Saturday I went to the Martin farm, new home of the Dicksons, and I went unannounced, reaching the place about noon time.

In the family are Mr. Dickson, seven sons and one daughter, the wife having died about a year ago. While the daughter is only 14 years of age, she is a splendid housekeeper, and excellent cook, and a real hostess. She is assisted in the house work by a brother who is an adept in such work. The house is as clean as a new pin, and the dinner set by the young lady would be tempting to kings and emperors.

Mr. Dickson and several of the boys were in the field, at work. He is a business man as well as a farmer, having long been engaged in the hardware and farm implement mercantile line at Westminster, S. C., but gave up his business eight years ago to devote his entire time to farming. Learning about the fine 300-acre farm belonging to Mr. Martin, he made investigation, readily saw the possibilities here, and leased the farm for an indefinite period, which means so long as he should want to retain the lease.

Mr. Dickson believes in diversified farming, in the intensive manner. He is emphatic in his assertions that he will not only make a good living on this fine farm, but will make big dividends. His boys are as deeply interested in farm work as he is, and it is with their assistance that he expects to make a big "go" of it here. Their products are sold under their own label, hence they are careful to put nothing but the very best of everything on the market, for his reputation is at stake when his products go out.

Being a "book" farmer as well as the practical kind, Mr. Dickson avails himself of the opportunity of learning about farming and farm methods from many periodicals and books. He plans high yields at low production costs, by using farm machinery, good seed and plenty of fertilizer. On the Martin farm he is going in for sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, corn, cane, celery, strawberries and raspberries, oats, wheat, barley, and other crops. Crop rotation, with legumes, will keep the soil in its highest state of production.

Mr. Dickson would be interested in establishment of a canning factory at Selma, with a curing house for potatoes, and this could be accomplished most easily by a little community spirit, and Mr. Dickson is especially anxious to work with his neighbors to the benefit of all concerned.

The young men in the family are intensely interested in club work, and will affiliate with the boys' work here. The father is a great believer in the work of county farm agents, and was in constant touch with the agent in Oconee county, who is a personal friend of mine.

I bespeak for Mr. Dickson and his interesting family a great future here, and, knowing the good people of Transylvania county as I do, I can

AS IS DONE IN FLORIDA

Editor Brevard News: Here is excerpt from a letter just received from a fine man in Florida regarding our bank situation which I feel is worth handing on.
"If they pay depositors at all it's a long-drawn-out affair. Our closed banks have been strong on collections but to date little or no payments to depositors. Two years in one case, and over a year in the other. It is criminal the way the Florida closed banks are handled. The depositors have not a ghost of a show for their money. I know of some cases where the receiver allowed a depositor to sell certificates of deposit for fifty cents on the dollar, and the buyer used the certificates in paying off his notes held by the bank. . . ."

"I hope you won't be the dummies we were. Organize a depositors' committee with official power to investigate all affairs of the receiver as to collections and outlays. . . . The idea of vengeance is a poor way to help the people who have money at stake. . . . Your town people have my sincere sympathy, for I can realize the serious inconvenience of carrying on business without a bank."

Extracts from the private letter of a man who spends his summers in Brevard.

Yours very truly,
EUGENE R. PENDLETON.
Brevard, Jan. 16.

assure Mr. Dickson and his children that they shall be made to know that there is genuine welcome here for them.
—J. F. CORBIN.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF**

THE PISGAH INDUSTRIAL BANK

At Brevard, North Carolina, to
The Corporation Commission
At the Close of Business on the
31 day of December, 1930.

Resources	Amount
Loans and Discounts	31,674.55
Furniture and Fixtures	5,571.37
Due From Approved Depository Banks	7,089.49
Cash in Vault	474.47
Cash Items (Items Held Over 24 Hours)	658.78
Other Real Estate	1,450.00
Insurance Investment	5,500.00
Insurance Stock	500.00
Total	52,898.65

Liabilities	Amount
Capital Stock Paid In	25,000.00
Undivided Profits (Net Amount)	210.66
Installment Investment Certificates Hypothecated	3,546.52
Installment Investment Certificates Unhypothecated	1,407.15
Fully Paid Investment Certificates	22,735.02
Total	52,898.65

**State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania**

O. H. ORR, Cashier, R. L. NICHOLSON, Director, and C. R. McNEELY, Director of the Pisgah Industrial Bank, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

O. H. ORR, Cashier
R. L. NICHOLSON, Director
C. R. McNEELY, Director
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 12 day of Jan. 1931.
F. E. SHUFORD, Notary Public.
(My com. expires Feb. 27th 1932.)

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Feed & Seed Co.**

We try hard not to insult anybody. If our bookkeeper neglected to send you your bill just phone 66 and we will see that you get it.

We heard on good authority that Mayor Thompson of Chicago started a crusade on the English sparrows last year.

Things are beginning to brighten up everywhere — Old Man Depression has seen his best days. In Brevard — too, — things begin to look

much brighter. Let's all keep up our spirits, "Better days are coming soon."

"I'm a father," cried young Harris as he burst into the office. "So's your old man" replied the boss. "Go to work."

Rev. Paul Hartsell says he is getting a lot of joy out of raising rabbits. And then, too, they are good to eat. More food grown at home means less to buy.

Influence is something you generally have not got when you want it.

Spring will soon be here and fresh onions will taste so good — we have just received a shipment of onion sets of all

kinds that we are selling cheap.

Swimming was originally discovered by a Scotchman who came to a tollbridge.

Remember the new onion sets, and, too, when you are making any kind of a garden — remember that we sell high grade seeds and fertilizer at low prices.

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