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NOW, COUNTRY EDITORS, YOU WILL WATCH YOUR STEP!

Last Friday's United Press sent out from Raleigh the following item:

The Raleigh Times yesterday warned the press of America to count a figurative ten before criticizing Japan in connection with the taresat situation. "Every little country weekly, when it has nothing else to say, denounces Japan." "Who knows anything about China and Japan and their intimate relations? Certainly not some cross roads editor smoking a pipe."

Now wouldn't that frostbite your fingertips? Wouldn't that pronouncement from the big Raleigh editor gripe your innards? Say, fellow country editors, you poor, ignorant, idiotic, pipe-smoking, unsophisticated children must be careful now, for the great mogul hath spoken, the wizard hath wizarded, the dean of the editors has deaned and deaned his durned ultimatum to us little boys. Don't you dare say anything about China and Japan, especially while you are at your cross-roads office, smoking your pipe or chewing yer tobacco, you crazy, hair-brained, idiotic little Devils you. If any of us do commit this grave, dangerous act and say anything about Japan, we're apt to throw the whole world into the horrors of warfare, so says his mighty nibs down at Raleigh.

The thing we ought to do is to assemble all the little editors who live at the cross-roads, and go in a body down to Raleigh and call upon that high-powered editor of the Raleigh Times, and sit at the feet of that mighty monarch and learn something about Japan and China. What do you say, fellow idiots, to hitching up the oxen to the old ox cart, piling into it, lighting our pipes and going down to the seat of iniquity where knowledge abounds, and see if we can get some sense clubbed into these empty heads of ours—heads that are good for nothing except to build a mouth in so we can smoke a pipe? It would be an ordeal, of course, but it is our patriotic duty to do it lest we burst loose and cast the whole cock-eyed world into war. The light of his countenance when we would come to stand in the presence of that powerful editor of The Raleigh Times, would be as blinding to us poor country editors as was the light in the burning bush when Moses stood in the presence of God. But it is far better for us to endure the agony and suffer the blinding light of matchless knowledge than it would be for us to run the risk of staying at our cross-roads offices, smoking our pipes and writing something that would cast the whole world into bloody warfare.

O Medes and Persians, Solomon, Socrates, Gladstone, Blackstone, Bluestone, Soapstone, Washington Jefferson, Lincoln, how blindly ignorant were all of you when compared to that journalistic genius, that sophisticated, swell-headed son of a seventh son of a prophet, the editor of The Raleigh Times, confound his impudence.

BREVARD OFFICIALS SHOW INTEREST IN CITIZENS.

That last Monday evening's session of the mayor and board of aldermen was anything but pleasant was evidenced by the manner in which the town officials approached the question of advertising the property of the citizens of the town to satisfy the town's claim for past due street assessment payments. The matter had been acted upon at a previous meeting, decision reached to advertise all such property during the month of February, and sell same the first of March. But when the time came for beginning such proceedings, the thought of one's home being sold by the town of Brevard, or one's business property being placed upon the block, the officials very wisely and very thoughtfully re-considered the matter.

It was held by the officials that the citizen who had made at least one payment on the principal indebtedness of street assessment, and had paid the interest on the amount up to the first of November, 1930, had showed good faith with the town of Brevard, should not be made to suf-

fer the hardship and humiliation of having their property advertised and sold by the town. Since the first day of November, 1930, the town officials declared, the citizens of Brevard have not been able to meet their obligations, because the failure of the bank here and of the banks throughout Western North Carolina, had made it impossible for the average man to meet his obligations. It was the opinion of the town authorities, however, that the man who had not made any payment at all upon his street assessments, and had failed to meet interest payments prior to November 1, 1930, had not acted in good faith with the town, therefore the town was under no obligations to such man, hence the sale of property in the hands of these men would be advertised at this time, and sold.

The action of the town officials is of such rare fine nature that all citizens must feel gratified that men of this calibre are in charge of the town's affairs. The fine attitude of the Brevard officials is in marked contrast to that of some other officials, who, apparently, have no regard at all for the element of good faith, but exercise their powers regardless of the punishment, cost and inconvenience that may result to citizens of a governmental unit.

Brevard's officials have established a precedent that is to have much effect upon other towns, cities and counties. Good examples are always welcomed by people who are looking for good.

GOVERNOR PAROLES BREWER, CONVICTED IN BANK MATTER.

Governor O. Max Gardner exercised his powers of clemency Tuesday when he paroled John M. Brewer, convicted former banker, upon urgent request of the citizens of Wake county and other sections of the state. Brewer had been convicted on charges in connection with failure of the bank of which he was president, a Wake Forest institution. The Supreme court upheld the lower court's decision where Brewer had been sentenced to the penitentiary. This marks the first time that Governor Gardner has issued parole to a convicted man before any of the sentence had been served. Brewer was to have been taken to the prison this week.

Mr. Brewer has taken a prominent part in the state's affairs. He has been a member of the board of directors of the state prison; he has served as a member of the North Carolina legislature; he has been Democratic chairman of the Wake county executive committee; he has been prominent and active in fraternal and religious work for a great many years.

But, like many other men in the state, Mr. Brewer got caught in the entangling web of circumstances which carried banks to failure throughout the land. The Governor was convinced that there was "no moral turpitude" in Brewer's conduct, and very wisely granted the parole. The governor, who bears excellent reputation for clear thinking, evidently took into consideration the fact that there must be criminal intent before an action becomes a criminal act. Fair-minded people throughout the state and nation will applaud the action of Governor Gardner. This newspaper most heartily commends the Shelby statesman for exercising his power of clemency in the Brewer case.

"SO THAT'S WHERE MY MONEY GOES," SAYS THE OLD SONG.

That revelation made in the meeting of the farmers last Saturday, showing the amounts of money paid out for farm, garden and dairy products shipped into this county from other places came as a staggering blow to many people of the county. Here we are, with the richest little old county in the State, from the standpoint of productivity of soil, perfect climatic conditions and a rainfall that is unequalled in the state, yet here is what the figures show that we purchased from farmers, truckers and dairies in other states:

Beef, 11,000 pounds; pork, 100,000 pounds of shell beans; 1,000 pounds of butter, 4,700 pounds; butter substitutes, 16,500 pounds; 45,000 cans of canned milk; 7,000 pounds of cheese; 1,330 dozen eggs.

Then come the vegetables, as follows, that we bought from outside Transylvania county and had shipped into the county:

1,500 bushels of onions; 50,000 pounds of shell beans; 1,000 pounds of dry peas; 250 bushels of Irish potatoes; 7,000 pounds of cabbage.

Then comes the canned stuff, which would be eliminated if we had a cannery in operation. These figures show:

18,000 cans tomatoes; 4,000 cans beets; 5,000 cans corn; 6,000 cans of peas; and so on.

There is but one conclusion: Transylvania county must produce its

own, and grow a surplus for shipment into other markets, before farming, trucking and dairying can be made to pay. It is good to face the facts, and these facts were presented last Saturday. We know that good will come from presentation of these statistics.

THE TROUBLE AND THE REMEDY

Editor The Brevard News: What is the trouble with the wheels of progress that prosperity has stopped so suddenly?

Why the depression and hard times, with all the idle wealth in this country and all over the United States?

The population of the United States is in the neighborhood of 140,000,000 people. There is one man alone who could give away as many dollars as that, and still have that many more. He is but one of a hundred thousand millionaires in the United States. Now, why should one man alone be allowed to hoard that much money, and stop the wheels of progress whenever he feels like it?

There should be a limit to the sum of money that any one man could bank away for himself, and everything that he makes above that amount should go toward promoting progress and prosperity. It is better to have prosperity than to have war and discontent. This is no time or place to promote war. Privation, hunger and idleness promote war, crime and corruption among the people. The millionaires have all the money and are holding it. Now, they are blaming President Hoover for the present condition. If Hoover could lay his hands on every idle dollar, he could and would soon bring prosperity back, but he has not the power to do so. It is impossible for him alone to bring prosperity back. So give the President more power so he can be president in fact as well as in name.

And let us put men in office with the constructive idea, like Gov. Hartley of the State of Washington, and Gov. Alfalfa Bill Murray, of Oklahoma, then we could have a country that we would be proud to live on.

The trouble with the world today is that we have too many educated incompetents holding office. We will have to weed them out and put in good men in their places. There are a lot of good men to be had. They can be found among loggers, farmers, railroad men, business men or laboring men of any kind of trade. They could take their places and run the government to the advantage of us all. If we want to have peace and prosperity, then we do not want to let our animal nature over-rule our higher nature.

(REV.) ROLAND ROBINSON
Clatskanie, Oregon,
January 29, 1932.

LISTEN, FOLKS!

Editor The Brevard News:

A good deal is being said and much more might very well be said about political conditions in this county.

I think that a good deal of what the "Veteran of Eighteen" had to say in connection with salaries of various officers was timely, pertinent and to the point. Public servants—including officers and others whose pay-checks come from the public—should be willing to "live and let live" and to ask that they be paid by the tax payer only such wages as their services would command in the business world outside of politics. My private personal opinion is, should this system be adopted, that a salary reduction more drastic than anything yet advocated by the Governor Gardner or any other governor would be the result in many instances right here in this county.

I can hear some body snicker right now and say why, "he's a candidate for sheriff. You know he don't mean a word he says." True enough, I am a candidate for sheriff, but I shall advocate that our Representative in the next General Assembly either enact legislation materially reducing all salaries paid public officers in this county or that he put them back on a fee basis as they were a few years ago. Put back on the fee system would relieve the taxpayers of the burden of their upkeep while the officer is idle. That system would also relieve you of having to help pay my personal bills and vice versa.

This is a time that calls to every patriotic citizen to do his bit in helping to reduce public expense, and the man asking for the nomination to any public office who is unwilling to, or refuses to do that is unworthy of the honor that a nomination and election would confer upon him. I spent months in the muddy trenches, where the roar of cannon and shriek of one's duty to his country, and while these were not the most charming music as one listened to them, still yet, it was our country's need, not our pleasure or entertainment, that was uppermost then. The same thing is true today. Our whole country, and especially little old Transylvania county, needs men to serve her who are willing to serve at what her citizens are able to pay. Yours for service,
ECK L. SIMS

Feb. 1, 1932.

NEW ARRIVALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCall on January 22, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKelvey of Little River, on January 31, a son, John Robert.

Hunting Seasons Near Close

The dove hunting season expired January 31 while the season on quail wild turkey and other birds ends on February 15.

Charlotte Man Suicides
James H. Bobbitt, 66, druggist representative, shot and killed himself in his Charlotte home on January 28, ill-health causing his despondency.

THE PRAYER CORNER

From The Files Of Long Ago

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Prayer is the breath of the soul. When a child is born, the first consideration is that it breathes. If it does not breathe, it dies. The first instinct of the soul with its capacity for God is to pray. The soul that does not pray, dies. It takes the soul longer to die for want of prayer than the body to die from want of breath—absolutely but not relatively, in the light of the souls immortality.

Like breathing, praying must be regular, not spasmodic. Prayer must be regular—daily.

Nearly all the people who pray at all, pray at night. To pray at night is good, but to pray only at night is not sufficient. It is not so important as to pray in the morning. A boy asked why he prayed at night and not in the morning, replied "I can take care of myself in the daytime." He was wrong. The soul is exposed to more dangers during the day, than during the night—bad examples, evil suggestions, undesirable companions, etc.

Prayers should be said at night and especially in the morning. It should be rhythmical like breathing.

It is good also to establish the habit of a noonday prayer. It may be only as the factory whistle blow "Thy kingdom come" Evening and morning and noon will I pray, said the Psalmist, and He shall hear my voice.

With regular habits of prayer, established, prayer will soon rise instinctively to the lips as occasion demands, temptation, danger, the need of guidance, etc.

The attitude in praying, morning and evening is not unimportant. If we trust to praying while we are in bed, the tendency is toward desultoriness and neglect. The attitude of prayer helps toward prayerfulness. Pray on the knees morning and night. See Daniel 6:10; Luke 22:44; Psalm 95:6.

MORNING PRAYER

Pause to realize God, infinite in love and power and holiness, ruler of the universe, yet ever present and ever near.

"Praise God in such words as 'The Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.'"

Pray to God in such words as—
(For others) Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for others especially those near and dear to us— Bless them indeed in all their ways. Keep them safe in body and soul. Grant that we may all so live that we may never be separated from Thee, or from each other, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(For self) O Lord our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day; Defend me in the same way with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day, I fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, but that all my doings be ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Into Thy hands O God, I commend myself this day. Let Thy presence be with me even to its close, that at eventide I may again give thanks to Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

NOONDAY PRAYER

Pray for the worlds needs in such words as "Thy Kingdom come". Blessed Savior, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms, grant that all mankind may look into Thee and be saved; through Thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost even as one God, world without end.

EVENING PRAYER

Pause to realize Gods presence. Thanksgiving for the blessings of

SELICA NEWS

Rev. Nathan Chapman will preach at the Selica Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

J. C. Melton and family of Greenville, S. C., were visitors of Wesley McCall last week.

Mrs. Huston Barton and family visited uncle Harvey Searcy of Rosman, who has been very sick, one day last week.

Clarence Galloway, of Cherryfield, was a church visitor last week. Newton Teague, of Lake Toxaway, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harlus Berton Sunday.

Henry McKinna lost one of his houses last week.

Rev. Jack Eldridge preached an interesting sermon at Cathey's Creek Sunday, which was received by eager hearers.

Rev. Mr. Yates preached to a large congregation Sunday morning at the Methodist church. We are proud of our veteran of 18, and especially his writing. The one of Seldon Barton was wonderful.

David Orr, Sr., of our community, was on the sick list last week and is not greatly improved at this writing. We had messrs. Frank Gaither and Elmer White as visitors at the union Sunday School Sunday. They are both great church workers. Come again brother.

LEGAL TRANSFERS

Jessie L. Glazener to Mrs. M. C. Whitmire.
Dr. A. White and wife to F. E. Kitchen.

MAYOR'S COURT

Only one case was tried before Mayor Ramsey during the past week. Charles Erwin, colored, was found guilty of drunkenness and fined \$15.00 and costs.

\$200,000 Edenton Fire
Fire, late on January 28, destroyed the Edenton plant of Farmers Peanut company with loss of \$200,000. Sparks from a motor was the cause.

Oakland News Items

When we saw in last week's Asheville paper someone boasting about flowers blooming in his yard in mid-winter, we said, let us boast too, o what we have at Oakland. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCall. Pansys have bloomed all winter, and other varieties of summer flowers have bloomed without any protection. Mrs. I. S. Sanders could have gathered a bouquet of roses in her yard at Christmas, and Mrs. E. A. Reid has a perfectly lovely Christmas cactus now in full bloom. We are proud of our flowers, but had not thought to say so until now.

Mr. E. P. Reid and daughter, Miss Lula Reid visited friends and relatives in Salem, S. C., last week.

Mr. Bunion McGaha of Brevard, visitor Rev. S. B. McCall Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Alexander spent two days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sanders.

We are glad to report Mrs. W. W. Reid much improved in health.

Lloyd Bryson spent Saturday night with Robert Sanders.

Bud Nicholson, of White Water,

the day should be offered in such words as:

Blessed be Thy name, O heavenly Father, that Thou hast brought me safely to the evening hour. I thank Thee for all Thy goodness toward me, for my health and strength and circumstances, for (here mention special mercies) for my faith in Thee and for Thy love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pray in such words as:
(For pardon) O almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, I confess that I have sinned against Thee in thought—in word—and in deed. I am sorry that I have grieved Thee. Forgive me for Jesus sake.
(For particular objects, especially family and friends).
(For protection). Father into Thy hands I commend myself and all who are dear to me. Keep us this night and rejoice under Thy Fatherly care and protection. Grant refreshing sleep and renewed strength to serve Thee more and more.

"I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is Thou Lord, only that maketh me dwell in safety."
Amen.

has many friends who read the Brevard News that will be sorry to learn of his death which occurred Wednesday of last week.

Rev. S. B. McCall and B. McGaha visited T. B. Reid Thursday.

W. F. McCall was a business visitor to Lake Toxaway Saturday. Clarence Norton visited W. W. Reid one day last week.

Mrs. Clyde Chappel and daughters, Misses Connie, Arternee and Mammie Jewel visited Mrs. S. L. Sanders and Mrs. I. S. Sanders Friday afternoon. J. L. Lesly and Miss Evon Nicholson, who are attending school at Rosman spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nicholson.

Miss Myrtle McCall and Miss Evand Sanders visited Miss Othelene Reid Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. S. B. McCall spent Sunday afternoon with friends at Lake Toxaway.

Rev. S. B. McCall was in Brevard Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whitmire of Quebec spent Sunday with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sanders.

Rev. Mr. Curtis, of Old Fort, and Rev. G. E. Keller and his mother of Rosman and a number of their friends held prayer service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reid Sunday afternoon.

Charlie Reid of Sapphire called on L. E. Cash Monday.

Lake Toxaway Baptist Sunday school was honored last Sunday by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moltz and their friends Rev. and Mrs. Brank, of New Jersey, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Moltz. After the Sunday School hour, Rev. Mr. Brank preached an excellent sermon. His subject was taken from the fifth chapter of John. The story of the man that had an infirmity for thirty and eight years. There was some wonderful thoughts brought out that we would have been glad for all our friends to hear.

Sunday school every Sunday and B. Y. P. U. every Sunday night. Every body cordially invited to worship with us.

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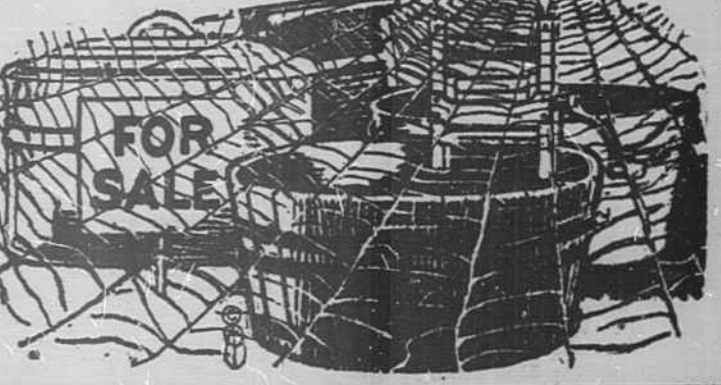


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