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## SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION CAUSED THE FINANCIAL DEPRESSION, IT IS SAID

J. E. Shipman, leading lawyer of Hendersonville and one of the outstanding men of Western North Carolina, was speaking to a group in an ancient fraternity recently and asserted that our financial and economic depression over the world was preceded by a spiritual depression, and reminded his hearers that history is replete with such instances. According to Mr. Shipman's reasoning, the peoples of the world have not yet reached the point where they can enjoy prosperity without relinquishing their grip upon things spiritual.

Judging from individual experiences, Mr. Shipman is correct in his assertions. We know it to be a fact that but few individuals can stand prosperity; that is, with the coming of prosperity there is an immediate let-down in one's spiritual life to such an extent that even common neighborliness gives way to a snobbishness which can have no other effect than that of deadening one's finer sensibilities. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, but exceptions in these cases are rare indeed.

There is lacking spiritual influences in the life of any person who can enjoy good material things—wealth, luxury, indulgences—while nearby there are little children suffering the pangs of hunger and privations of ordinary necessities of life. There is a dearth of spiritual life in the man or community of men engaged in tearing down another man in that community. Nature's law always exacts her penalty for wrongdoing, hence the suffering that cannot be escaped when laws of reason and right are violated. Such penalty must be paid by the individual, and it is not, therefore, a difficult thing to glimpse the meaning of Mr. Shipman's fine talk in which he says that the hardships and suffering resulting from the economic depression are caused, first, by the spiritual depression which preceded the economic upheaval.

There is always the ray of light, however, and Mr. Shipman pointed out the hopeful fact that people are already turning back to the better and higher things of life, and made prediction that the whole world would be better because of the suffering endured throughout these years of what we call "hard times."

## PICKENS HIGHWAY SHOULD HAVE COUNTY'S SUPPORT

It is most pleasing to all thinking citizens to learn of the movement being made to complete the Pickens Highway from Rosman to the South Carolina line. This will open up another great artery into and through one of the most beautiful sections of the Blue Ridge mountains, and will be traveled extensively by large numbers of people coming into the mountains by Pickens.

There is another reason for our interest in this highway that is most compelling. It will be recalled that the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, some three years ago, sent a delegation of about fifty men to Pickens and pledged to the citizens of that community that if South Carolina would pave the highway to the State line, North Carolina would meet that State halfway, and pave the road from 28 to join the highway at the State line. Well, South Carolina, manifesting greatest faith in the integrity and sincerity of her neighbor, went ahead and performed that State's part of the work. It is, therefore, the duty of all citizens here to do all they can to make good the pledge that Brevard made to Pickens.

It is gratifying to know that President Jerry Jerome and Chairman Duncan MacDougald are doing all they can to hasten the preparations for completion of this important road work. Mr. Howard, in charge of the highway work in this district, is likewise doing what he can to have this work done.

Business picking up since all the boys in Washington got busy, working together.

## MANY FEAR THAT UNITED STATES WILL BE IN WAR

With the fighting between China and Japan growing in intensity, and ever increasing numbers of soldiers being thrown into the fray, many citizens of the United States are wondering just how the conflict can long rage without this country being drawn into the maelstrom. At the risk of being read out by The Raleigh Times, this weekly newspaper expresses the belief that Russia will soon become an active ally of Japan, and join in the actual fighting. The whole thing is assuming such threatening proportions that America can hardly escape becoming involved in the conflict.

China is proving so much more stubborn than Japan ever thought the sleepy nation could become, that desperate action may well be expected from the wily Jap without too little further delay. The situation is such as to give cause for real concern among the American people. Another world war now would have most disastrous results, far more serious than we can even imagine. It would not be amiss for citizens everywhere to become interested in this question and begin correspondence with Washington officials on the situation. If war comes, remember that the fighting forces will be recruited from among the boys in the American families such as just now are reading this weekly newspaper, and it is very much the business of such families whether or not this country becomes involved in the war of the East.

## TROWBRIDGE SPEAKS TO LADIES OF CLUB

Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, president of Weaver College, addressed the ladies of the Mathathasian club and members of other clubs of Brevard in open meeting in the parlor of the Baptist church Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11.

Mrs. Harold Norwood, president of the Mathathasian club, presided over the program.

Mrs. A. H. Kizer rendered a delightful solo which was a great source of entertainment to the audience. Immediately following his introduction by Mrs. Oliver Orr, Prof. Trowbridge began his address which was on "The Recreation of the Adolescent Child."

Mr. Trowbridge said that it was a child's nature to receive, and an adult's mission to give. He explained that the child during its adolescent period must be taught how to develop into a normal adult, one of the best methods being through play. Prof. Trowbridge declared that every child passes through the adolescent period at one age or another. "Every child must cross fool's hill," he said. "He cannot go under or around it, but he must go over it. Play is a vital force in character building," he asserted, "and developing muscles, control of emotions and accuracy are also important lessons. The Scout organization has done more to help the child cross fool's hill than any other organization, exclusive of the home," Prof. Trowbridge said. He referred to both the Boy and Girl Scout organizations. "The child should be taught how to use leisure time," he said, "for few adults are able to profitably use their spare moments."

At the conclusion of Prof. Trowbridge's splendid address, Alvin Moore sang two selections which were of great enjoyment. Tea and wafers were served during the social period after the program was over.

## PENROSE NEWS

B. Y. P. U. district meeting will be held at Enon church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, February 21. Announcement last week for Sunday 14, was wrong.

Penrose Girl Scouts are expected to give a program at the P. T. A. Friday evening at 7:30 this week.

About a dozen farmers and heads of families here said they would like for Mr. Julian Glazener to meet with them at Penrose to discuss the 5-10 Farm program. Others will be interested and a good farm group will meet for study. If any part of Western-North Carolina should benefit by this movement it should be this splendid Penrose valley.

The school children enjoyed their valentine parties, programs and treats last Friday afternoon. Several "love letters" with varied drawings and decorations were exchanged. Sylvia Lyda of the seventh grade submits this bit of history of valentine day:

St. Valentine was a good priest who lived in Rome a great many years ago. His whole life was given to making other people happy. It was his custom to go from house to house feeding the poor, cheering the sad and comforting the sick. He was especially fond of children who gathered about him wherever he went.

Soon he was too old and feeble to make his visits and he was very unhappy until he thought of writing letters. After that, whenever he thought of anyone who was ill, or in need, or in sorrow, he would send a letter full of love and cheer.

People began to look forward to these letters and they thought so much of them, that, after the good priest's death, his friends said, "Let's honor St. Valentine by sending letters on his birthday to those we love." These letters are called "Valentines."

## BISHOP MOUZON IS HEARD IN BREVARD

Bishop Mouzon, of Charlotte, who has direct supervision of one-fifth of the entire Methodist Episcopal church South, preached at the Brevard Methodist Church Sunday morning at the regular eleven o'clock hour before an audience that filled the church almost to its limit of capacity.

The great church leader began his sermon after being introduced by Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the church, by a short informal discussion of the duties of a Methodist Bishop. He explained that the work of a bishop may be classed more as administrative than pastoral. He declared that there was only one time during 1931 that he was at home more than seven days at a time.

This is the first time a Methodist Bishop ever visited Brevard and delivered a sermon here, and Bishop Mouzon expressed in his sermon, his desire to return.

Bishop Mouzon used as his text the sixth verse of the 14th chapter of the Gospel of St. John, which reads, "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'"

In his sermon Mr. Mouzon stressed the seven points of "I am the way, the truth, the light, the vine, the life, the resurrection and the door."

Bishop Mouzon preached at the Brevard Institute Saturday night and he was scheduled to preach at the Methodist Church Sunday night.

During the afternoon he was called home to the bedside of his critically ill stepdaughter and the pulpit was ably filled by Rev. Litaker, presiding elder of the Asheville district, who answered a rush call and came to preach on very short notice.

## IN MEMORIAM Mrs. J. H. West

In the early evening of January 26, 1932, Mrs. J. H. West, wife of our pastor at Brevard, fell asleep in the faith. Her passing was quiet, of a sort befitting one of her disposition and manner of life. She had for several years been a great sufferer, but her patience and forbearance was a lesson in fortitude to those who knew her. The manner of her passing, as well as that of her patient forbearance in suffering, was a fitting close to a life of loyal devotion and service, such as her's had been. In her family of sons and a daughter, she has contributed largely to the world, as well as in other points of service.

Her death was not unexpected, but her passing has left a vacancy in our midst none-the-less. The members of the Brevard Methodist Church, in whose midst she has dwelt for more than two years, keenly feel a sense of individual and collective loss. Therefore, the Board of Stewards, representing the body of the Church, wish to express in some measure the appreciation and esteem of each and every member. Therefore be it resolved:

First: That in the passing of our sister we discern a beneficent Providence. She has passed from death unto life, from sickness into health, from finite to infinite understanding. In these reflections we find our solace.

Second: That our remembrance of her will be a source of strength and encouragement to remind us that one is not bound by physical infirmity, but that the spirit is free.

Third: That we hereby extend expressions of heartfelt love and sympathy to her devoted husband and children, with assurance of our sense of their bereavement, and our prayers that the consolations of the Spirit of Light and Life may be theirs at this time.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be incorporated into our records, a copy sent to the family of our pastor, and copies furnished The

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## FOSTER RELEASED BY HENDERSONVILLE NOT GUILTY VERDICT MAKES EVEN BREAK

Greensboro, Feb. 17.—W. H. Foster, secretary of the Republican State Executive committee, was found not guilty in Federal court here by jury verdict Tuesday afternoon, having been charged with soliciting funds from government employes while on government property. The charges were brought by E. L. Gavin, United States District attorney in the Middle District, which were filed early in December, immediately after the State Executive committee of the Republican party had failed to recommend Gavin for re-appointment to the office which he has held for the past four years.

The trial began last week and consumed several days of this term of the United States District court being held here. Judge Johnson J. Hayes presided at the hearing.

Brevard's High school basketball teams split a double session with Hendersonville High Tuesday night on the Hendersonville court, the girls winning over Hendersonville by a 40-26 score, while the boys were defeated by 30-10. F. Ponder was high scorer for the locals with 23 points, and Ruth Pickelsimer second with 10 points.

Under the able coaching of Miss Nancy Macfie the Brevard sextet has developed a brilliant attack and a clever defense. Girls who saw action in the game were: F. Ponder, Townsend, Pickelsimer, Norton, B. Ponder, King, and Johnson.

Brevard basketballers who played the Hendersonville quint were Clayton, Aiken, Middleton, Pickelsimer, Shuford, Schachner, Merrill, Ashworth, Hampton, Loftis, and Williams.

## D. A. R. SPONSORING HIGH CLASS SHOW

"Delicious" is the luscious title of the delightful picture which the Daughters of the American Revolution are sponsoring at the Clemson Theatre, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22, and 23, in connection with their George Washington program which will be held Monday afternoon, Feb. 22, at the court house.

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## FRED MILLER MAKES THE PHI ETA SIGMA

Fred Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, is one of the fourteen freshmen whose scholarship is outstanding that has been tendered an invitation to join Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary scholarship fraternity of North Carolina State College at Raleigh. Excellent scholarship in their work during the present scholastic year is the basis of the selection.

Young Mr. Miller made an enviable record during his high school career in the Brevard High school. He was salutatorian of the senior class of '30, missing the valedictory honors by a few points.

He was prominent in all the activ-

## SCOUT WORK ENDS WITH WEINER ROAST

Boy Scout week, celebrating the twenty-second anniversary of Scouting in America ended Saturday when Boy Scouts over the entire nation held their final program for commemoration of the event. The local scouts concluded their week's program with a basketball game and weiner roast at Camp Transylvania Friday afternoon and night.

The first Scout troop started in America was originated through the efforts of W. D. Boyce, Chicago traveler and publisher who based his plans upon those he gathered while visiting in London where he came in contact with the London troops. Mr. Boyce became lost one evening while searching for a difficult address in Old London and was directed to his destination by a young boy who refused a tip for the services saying that he belonged to the Boy Scouts.

Boyce became interested at once and visited the Scout headquarters. He brought to America with him sufficient information to interest other men in the plans and a troop was started within a very few months.

Scouting is a vital part of a young boy's life and it is considered one of the most important factors toward the development of true Americans, being second only to the home in the training of boys for upright living.

ities of the school, being a member of the varsity baseball team for several years. He was a leader in the Boy Scout troop, having been the first Scout to attain the highly coveted honor of Eagle Scout in Brevard. In 1929 he won third place in a contest to determine the best Scout in Western North Carolina.

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