

MAYOR R. H. RAMSEY BROADCASTS STORY OF COUNTY'S GROWTH

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interesting facts concerning our own county. Transylvania county is proud of the fact that it is a part of this great section. Bounded on the north by Haywood county, on the south by the South Carolina line, and on the west by Jackson county, it lies near the heart of Western North Carolina.

"Transylvania county is called 'The Land of Waterfalls.' It is most fittingly named, for on the many rivers that have their source within its boundaries are literally hundreds of waterfalls. Just east of Lake Toxaway is a high divide or watershed that turns the waters of these rivers eastward and southward. East of the divide rises the great French Broad. From the remote corners of the county a veritable network of tributary rivers and creeks and streams unite in a broad valley running eastward through the center of the county to form this mighty river. As the crystal clear waters of these tributaries—North Fork, West Fork, East Fork, Cathey's Creek, Davidson River, Little River, and numbers of smaller streams—tumble and cascade from the surrounding mountain heights into the valley below they break into a thousand sparkling iridescent waterfalls that are beautiful beyond comparison. High up in the mountain fastnesses, are fragile, misty falls such as Bridal Veil Falls. Lower down the tumultuous descent of the waters is sometimes broken into a series of falls such as are found at Triple Falls on Little River and at Connettee Falls, or they pour in a solid stream into a gorge below as do Looking Glass Falls in Pisgah National Forest. As these streams near the valley their volume increases and the falls become larger and more impressive in their beauty and grandeur. The tone of the falls changes, too. From the clear tinkling of the falls in the remote heights of the peaks, it changes to a murmur and then to a low roar which gradually increases in volume until it culminates in the crashing, thundering roar of High Falls on Little River where the flood waters of a whole river hurtle downward a hundred feet to its rocky bed below. And in between these type of falls are innumerable others, as varied and beautiful as the streams and mountains themselves. Their beauty changes with the seasons, but their appealing charm remains the same whether they are framed in shimmering green of summer, or etched on a background of frost and ice and snow.

Scenery Changes

"West of the divide are found Toxaway, Horse Pasture, Thompson and White Water rivers. These rivers have a different type of falls from those on the French Broad and its tributaries. They flow through a wilder, more rugged region. Their sources are up in mountains of a higher altitude and they plunge downward in a more headlong, mad rush on their journeys toward the sea. Their falls are usually more inaccessible, set as they are in the midst of vast virgin forests or in deep ragged gorges and canyons strewn with rocks and boulders serried and torn by the storms and floods of a thousand centuries. But the added charm of their wild, almost savage beauty more than makes up for the difficulties of the tramp through the forests, or the breathtaking climb down the precipitous sides of the gorges and canyons to reach them.

"The combination of these eastern and western river systems gives to Transylvania county a number and variety of waterfalls that perhaps cannot be equalled in any similar area in the world, and amply justify its claim of being actually 'The Land of Waterfalls.'

"A part of the age-old streams and forests of Transylvania county have been set aside as a playground for the whole nation to enjoy in Pisgah National Forest. Approximately seventy-five thousand acres across the northern part of the county have been included in its boundaries. Roads have been built and trails opened across it. Camps have been laid out, swimming holes cleared in the rivers and every effort made to make it into an ideal outdoor resort. Hundreds of camping parties visit it now annually. As its unusually wide varieties of floral and scenic beauties become better known this already developed attraction will become increasingly popular.

Sportsman's Paradise

"The forest is a fish and game preserve. The streams have been stocked with trout and the game allowed to increase until it has become a veritable fisherman's and hunter's paradise. Each summer the streams are opened for a few weeks to fishermen and thousands visit them. This month for the first time in eighteen years the preserve has been opened to hunters. The deer have become so numerous that it was thought best to thin them out to prevent the possible contraction and spread of disease among the large herds. A boundary of approximately fourteen thousand acres with an estimated deer population of twelve to fourteen hundred has been set aside for the hunters. This whole area lies within Transylvania county. On it four hundred hunters will be allowed to try and kill one deer apiece.

"The game from the National Forest overflows into the adjoining lands in Transylvania county. These lands have been bought up by individuals and now constitute some of the finest game preserves in the country. Privately owned streams are also being stocked with fish. Each year an increasingly large number of sportsmen from adjoining and distant states are coming to the county to take part

in the big hunts and to fish its hundreds of miles of trout streams.

County's Development

"The rivers and creeks and streams of Transylvania county have influenced to a very large extent the whole development of the county. It was on their banks that the first settlers erected their homes and then cleared and farmed the adjoining fertile valleys, and built mills at the foot of the falls to grind the corn they had raised. It was in these same valleys that the majority of the population still lived when the county was organized in 1861, and now lives.

"These broad valleys are today the home of the county's main industry—farming. They contain some of the most fertile and productive farm lands to be found in all of Western North Carolina. Some of these lands have been cultivated for over a hundred years, but still retain an almost unbelievable fertility. Yields of 75 bushels of corn, two hundred bushels of potatoes and 80 bushels of rye are common. Abundant rainfall makes the growing of truck crops easy and profitable. With the attainment of the objectives of the five-ten year farm program which has been heartily endorsed and undertaken by the farmers of the county these valuable farm lands will become still more productive and an even greater asset than they are now.

Brevard County Seat

"Brevard, the county seat, is built on a knoll overlooking the French Broad and its valley. It is a pretty little town with an all-year population of nearly 2500 which is doubled and tripled with the arrival of the summer tourists. It is noted for its well paved streets and its excellent water supply which averages more than 99 per cent pure the year round. Farther up the French Broad is Rosman, the only other incorporated town in the county. Both towns have modern graded schools and splendid consolidated high schools. Good, live churches are located at both places. At Brevard is also located the Brevard Institute which is owned by the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

"With the building of roads and the completion of the first railroad to Brevard in 1895 began the development of industry in the county. Logging roads were built back into the mountains, tapping the vast forests growing on the watersheds of the rivers and streams. Band saw mills were built. Extract plants and tanneries were erected, helping still further to develop these enormous timber resources of the county. Other industries followed. We confidently look forward to the development of still others. Labor is plentiful, cheap and intelligent. The level valleys with access to an inexhaustible supply of clear, chemically pure water furnish unexcelled sites for factories. Abundant waterpower awaits development in our rivers and streams.

Summer Camps Abound

"Organized campers have found the streams and mountains of Transylvania county an ideal setting for their camps. So many summer camps have been established in the county that it is now the recognized center of organized camping in the South. There are thirteen splendidly equipped camps in the county—six for boys and seven for girls. With the return of better times a great many more will be established on the many excellent sites available. These summer camps measure up to the highest standards of camping in equipment, sanitation, health and personnel. They have meant a great deal to the county in the past few years, bringing as they do a host of fine young boys and girls to the camps, and their parents and relatives and friends to our hotels and boarding houses. These visitors constitute one of our most desirable classes of tourists and contribute largely to the social and cultural life of the county.

"But long before the industrial development of the county or the building of the first organized camp this section had become noted as a tourist and health resort. Even before the formation of the county in 1861 tourists and health seekers had been coming here to enjoy the glorious beauty of our mountains and forests and streams. For more than three-quarters of a century they have been building their summer homes on the banks of our rivers and in our mountain coves and among the crags and peaks of the mountains themselves. Clear pure water and a healthful, invigorating climate have restored health and added joy to living. Year after year a larger number of vacationists and health seekers and home seekers have come to this land of waterfalls to climb its mountains, hike over its trails, swim and fish in its rivers and streams and its unequalled scenery and climate. They have returned home refreshed and restored in health and spirits. Many have found the county such an agreeable place to live that they have returned and become permanent residents.

Excellent Highways

"An enlarged, much improved network of excellent highways is making these attractions and resources of Transylvania County available as never before in its history. One of the most scenic highways North Carolina—No. 28—crosses the county westward, up the valley of the French Broad and through the beautiful Lake Toxaway and Sapphire sections and on down the famous Cullasaja Gorge in Macon county with its magnificent scenery. From Greenville and the southeast comes Highway 284, passing Caesar's Head and Cedar mountain before reaching Brevard. Just north of Brevard it enters Pisgah National Forest and runs up Davidson river to the Pink Beds and on down to Waynesville and then into the Great Smokies, making the shortest route by more than forty miles from the southeast to this wonderful new playground. Number 283 from Pickens and the Southwest connects with Highway 28 at Rosman. Highway 280 from Brevard to Asheville through the Boyleston and Mills River sections has been completed and surfaced within the past year. Turning north from Number 28 at Lake

FUTURE FARMERS TO DEER WILL BE STAGE FATHER AND SON BANQUET HERE

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direction of Miss Virginia Wilcox, instructor.

Each speaker, taking some particular phase of the work. The first of these talks will be given by Clyde McCrary, who will tell of the organization and progress of the boys' Pig Club. Merriman Shuford will tell of the introduction of Sorcia Lespedeza into the county and the progress that has been made and what is planned for the future of this crop. The educational tour recently made by the boys will be related by David Ashworth, Earl Ashworth and Charles Dickson. Interest was keen among the lads during this tour and they claimed to have derived a great deal of benefit from it, so this should be a most interesting discussion. Cover crops will be discussed by Louis Meece. He will tell of the work the boys have done along this line and the results that have been obtained and their plans for the immediate future. A brief study of the Capon industry will be the subject of a talk by Hayes Merrill. Roy Frady will tell of the part the Future Farmers played in staging the Sylvan Valley fair. The results of their study of cooperative buying of feeds will form the basis of a talk by Jones Glazener. David Woodfin, treasurer, will give a general outline of the variety and scope of the work that has been accomplished during the year.

Initiations of the Sophomores will be confined to the presentation of their class buttons, lack of time preventing a complete initiation at this meeting.

There will be a number of invited guests.

Toxaway Highway 281 crosses the Gloucester section to Sylva.

"Take one of these highways and come up to Transylvania county if you are seeking a good place to spend your vacation, or to restore your health or to live. There you will find the purest of water, an invigorating healthful climate, marvelous mountain views and countless beautiful waterfalls. We invite you to come. Whether you come on your vacation or to live we believe you will enjoy your stay in Transylvania County. 'The Land of Waterfalls.'"

HOLIDAYS TO BEGIN ON THE 20TH OF DECEMBER

All schools of the county will close on Wednesday December 21st for the Christmas holidays and will be reopened Jan. 2, according to announcement made by Prof. J. B. Jones, county superintendent of education.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION TO CONTINUE FIGHT

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have a knowledge of the entire section. Then brought down to include Forest area, then come to the actual section he hunt is being staged.

Then, begin the arrival of the hunters, to the forest, every event will be shown; attention has been given to the rules of the game applied to the hunters. Here seen being placed in the hunter's hand, w, and the fastening of the or cape, about the shoulder, thus to make them squished, thereby reducing the possibility of an accidental shot hunters, instead of the

From the Uncle Sam's cameraman has followed the hunters' progress. Pictures of each scene are made, and the camera sweeps across the above it, and places on that matchless beauty of the waterfalls that are so in the forest. The picture the deer, some times manysing across open places in the rugged cliffs down to them. But one day a sudden leap into the air forward, and falls, and will be seen hurriedly approaching his "kill," congratulations from another to look it over, the ace upon the shoulders of the successful hunter, who proudly way to the truck that left at an advantageous

Evening the sun begins to sink in the western tip of Pisgah Mohe hunters assemble at place, the picture will show the man who has his hand in his pocket, his hat is removed, it is taken from his shoulder. He cannot again rest as a hunter, underment's ruling, may kill it.

Those to make their kill may go lay. But what is it they are? Forestry officials are the guns of the hunters. They may keep their guns thro' night, but not one of the discharged if a thousand play about the camp. The guns are "locked," Uncle Sam locks somethinged. Next morning, when assemble for their sporal "unlock" the

WHISKEY DRINKING SINCE ELECTION IS GAINING RECRUITS

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one thing can stop the state if it goes into a huddle in January and sees its revenues ever receding. The wets can break down their own almost impregnable position and they are rapidly doing it. The movement in Charlotte to organize a sort of Reynolds party, a liquor clique, will be all that will be needed. The gentlemen back of this movement cannot put it over, nobody can.

But that's only one link. The wets have run wild. They are drinking riotously in public, at football games, every where. They have become brazen. They have disclosed that their opposition to prohibition is not the principle of it, not the un-American nature of it, but they are opposed to the control of liquor. They are fortifying the bitterenders among the dries. The news comes to Raleigh from all sides that drinking is becoming more hazardous on account of the drunks who drive them, and that speedy reaction follows the spectacle of these unblushing boozers.

Little more of it and the proposed legislation will fall flat, for there isn't anything in the booze proposals out of which martyrs are made. There will be a beer and wine and revenue booze bill offered at the 1933 session, but it will be overwhelmingly beaten if the reasons for it are made so cogent as the boozers are now making them. The licker phantoms have greatly overdone their cause.

Plans are being made to rent one of the films when the picture has been completed for showing in the Clemson theatre and in other theatres in Western North Carolina. It will be shown in many colleges and universities, and the four hundred men who have been awarded the coveted privilege of being one of the "lucky" hunters will see to it that the picture is shown in their respective cities and towns.

The motion pictures are being made with the very best equipment for motion picture work. The outfit was brought here on a truck that is especially designed for the work. Mr. Harry B. McClure is director, and Mr. C. A. Carello is cameraman.

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