

## THE FESTIVAL PARTY.

Monday afternoon at about 5:40 o'clock fifty-six persons whose souls are thrilled by concord of sweet sounds left Brevard on a special train to attend the South Atlantic Musical Festival at Asheville. At Pisgah Forest four music lovers, and at Davidson River four more, joined the Brevard party, and a few scattering ones down the line helped to swell the number; but the crowd was distinctively Brevard in character and composition. Hendersonville, which would be expected to furnish a large number of people for such an occasion, was conspicuous on the train for its absence. When the train rolled into Hendersonville, only a thin line of depot hangers-on could be seen at the station, with an occasional vender of ice cream, who had taken advantage of such a movement of people to reap pecuniary profit out of the occasion.

Arriving at Asheville, the party was met by street cars specially provided and well looked after by the affable conductors and taken to Seawell's pharmacy where the tickets for the concert were obtained. Seats had been secured in one of the most advantageous situations in the auditorium, and the excursionists settled in their places at the musical feast, just in time to hear the first strains of the orchestra in the opening number of the program.

It is needless to say that the whole concert was enjoyed. Good music is not entirely strange to a large number of Brevard people, and there must have been few indeed who did not feel repaid for going. It was a veritable feast to listen to such voices as those of Mr. Strong, Miss Hinkle, Miss Hussey and Mr. Martin, and to sit under the spell of the Pittsburgh orchestra's playing. It was perhaps the orchestra that made the deepest impression on the majority. While the ear was pleased by the sweetest imaginable sounds, the eye was fascinated by the finished skill and wonderful training of the players, and by their almost instinctive response to every movement of the conductor. Round after round of applause greeted each performance, but the climax of enthusiasm was reached when in response to a vigorous call back the leading violinist arose and gave a solo on the instrument which never fails to delight an audience and which touches the hearts of the musically untrained as well as the highly cultured.

The Brevard party left Asheville not long before midnight and reached home a little before two in the morning, tired and sleepy, but happy.

Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Wave Long and the others who assisted her in getting up the party. Nearly all the details of arrangements were worked up by Miss Long, who was the acknowledged musical director of the party. It was no small undertaking, but the results were gratifying and encouraging, so far as Brevard is concerned. Going and returning the excursion was conducted without a hitch, the excursionists were congenial, and nothing occurred to spoil the pleasure. It will not be so difficult in the future for Brevard to furnish its quota to the festival till it has a musical festival of its own.

It isn't every town the size of Brevard that could have induced a railroad company to put on a special train for an occasion like this, and the notoriety which our town has gained thereby is worth all its cost as an advertisement. Without united enterprise, energy and push we should have failed, and a town which shows these traits so prominently will most assuredly attract the attention of those who are seeking permanent residence in Western North Carolina.

### Notice.

List your taxes. J. J. Shipman, list taker for Brevard Township, will be at J. E. Smith's residence June 8, at T. T. Patton's June 9 and at Brevard June 10, 11 and 12. All who fail to list their taxes are subject to indictment. m21t3

## Brevard Institute Notes.

The Young Women's Christian Association entertained many of its friends recently at an informal reception in the school building. An address was delivered by Rev. A. G. Hickok, D. D., of Asheville. His subject was the "Crossing of Pathways," and he urged all to so prepare themselves today that they receive full benefit from those whose paths they may cross tomorrow, and that they may be ready to be of some service to others. After the address some time was spent in social conversation, and refreshments were served. The halls and chapel had been tastily decorated by the social committee of the association, and this added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

An outline program of the commencement exercises is herewith given:

### SATURDAY, MAY 22.

9:00 a. m.—Final chapel service for the year. Open to members of the school.  
2:00 p. m.—First annual field day. Admission 25c.

### SUNDAY, MAY 23.

11:00 a. m.—Commencement sermon in the Brevard Methodist church. Preached by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., Salisbury, N. C.

### MONDAY, MAY 24.

11:00 a. m.—Lecture Music Recital, by Miss Nina E. Law of Brevard Institute. Admission free. Open to all interested in music.

8:00 p. m.—Annual inter-society recitation and debating contest. Admission 25c.

### TUESDAY, MAY 25.

10:30 a. m.—Graduating exercises and literary address to the graduates by Mrs. Frank Siler of Atlanta, Ga.

2:00 p. m.—Teachers' meeting. Open to all interested in the advancement of education. Address by T. C. Henderson, Superintendent of Education Transylvania County.

In case of bad weather Saturday the field day exercises will be postponed to Monday or Tuesday. Patrons of the Institute and members of their families will be admitted at half price to both pay entertainments. Delegates to the Waynesville District Conference, with those entertaining them will be admitted free.

## Buck Forest Items.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Farmers in this section are thro' planting corn.

W. M. Drake of Shoal Creek is road overseer for this section.

Sunday school at Laurel Creek every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Jack Frost has been visiting in this burg and killed all of our apples and peaches.

Americus Heath from near Brevard dined at the home of F. L. D. Thomas last Monday.

Mrs. Joanna Brown visited her niece, Mrs. M. C. Morgan of this section Saturday last.

Miss Ada Robinson called at the home of Miss Addie Thomas last Wednesday afternoon.

Quite a number of young folks from Brevard were visiting in this part last Saturday night.

Rev. James Gray delivered some very interesting sermons at Laurel Creek last Saturday and Sunday.

J. L. Lance of Indianapolis, Ind., was a welcome guest at the home of his uncle F. L. D. Thomas last Wednesday.

The many friends of Uncle Ben Merrell were sorry to learn of his sad death which occurred at his old home at Grange last Monday morning.

Miss Rosa Sentell who has been spending several months in Columbia, S. C. has now returned to her home at this place. We gladly welcome her back.

### PEACH BLOSSOM.

## Rosman Items.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Whooping cough is very severe in our section.

Miss Norma Glazener and sister,

Mrs. Hattie Kitchen, were in Brevard Monday.

Miss Annie Patton of Rosman visited relatives at Penrose the first of the week.

Q. A. Morrison of Asheville was in Rosman last Sunday and returned home Monday.

Miss Lela Brooks and brother spent a few days with relatives in Brevard last week.

J. S. Silverstein Esq. returned last Sunday evening from a trip to Chicago and other places.

Mrs. J. J. Miner of Brevard spent a few days last week with relatives in Rosman. Glad to see her. Come again.

Friday night, May 23, 1909, the Rosman Literary Society will meet again. Following is the program:

Song—By Society.  
Reading of Minutes—By Secretary, Mrs. Kitchen.

Essay on James Whitcomb Riley.  
Recitation—A Riley Poem—Miss Stella Holcombe.

Song—By Society.  
Recitation—Another Riley Poem—Miss Clessie Whitmire.

Debate—"Resolved that Capital Punishment should be Abolished." Affirmative; Alfred V. Lite, Jordan Whitmire. Negative; Mark Osborne, Rev. Z. I. Henderson.

Election of officers for next three months. LITTLE PEEWEE.

### Quite Different.

In some parts of Canada it is customary to call the justice of the peace or local magistrate "squire." One of these worthies, a very estimable man, who always enjoyed a good story, even if it were at his own expense, used to be fond of relating an experience he once had with an uneducated English farmer.

After transacting some business the "squire" and the Englishman sat down to enjoy a smoke together. When they had lighted their pipes, the stolid Britisher started the conversation by remarking, "I notice as 'ow folks call you the 'squire.'"

"That's because I am a justice of the peace," replied the Canadian.

"Things is so different at 'ome."

"Indeed?"

"Yes. In England a squire—w'y bless your 'eart, a squire, 'e's a gentleman!"

### The Market in Cauls.

We believe that there is still some market for cauls among sailors, who retain their belief in the efficacy of the membranes as a protection against shipwreck and drowning. Notices of "Cauls For Sale Within" were to be seen recently in windows in the vicinity of the docks of both London and Liverpool, but it is some time since we have noticed an advertisement of a caul for sale in the daily press. It may be remarked that the sale of caul, so far from being a very ancient custom, is a comparatively modern innovation. The witchcraft of the middle ages declared against the caul retaining any virtue whatever if parted with by gift or sale to any but a member of the child's kindred.—London Lancet.

### Worst Railway Carriage.

She looked complacently at her spotless white kid gloves.

"I would never wear these on an English train," she said. "An English railway carriage is the filthiest and most inconvenient one in the world. It holds eight persons, and to leave it you must open the window, lean half-way out, reach down about five feet, push back the filthy outside bolt of the door and then turn the filthy outside handle, for this door won't open from the inside. Its opening entails an acrobatic feat, to say nothing of a blackened glove. The English like the seat by the door, but they wrangle hotly over who is to open it at the terminus. In third class carriages these wrangles often wind up in a free fight. But a free fight is hardly more laborious. It hardly dirties one up more than the opening of these doors."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

### Cynical Jowett.

Professor Jowett's comments on the young men of Balliol often took the form of crushing sarcasms. "The college, Mr. X., thinks highly of you," he once said, "perhaps too highly, but not half so highly, I am sure, as you think of yourself." After a lengthy survey of one's person, as if one was some rare animal, he has been known to ask of the instructor, "Mr. A. is an intelligent young man, is he not, Mr. Y.?"

### Scotland's Strange Birds.

From the small island of St. Kilda, off Scotland, 20,000 young gannets and an immense number of eggs are annually collected, and, although this bird lays only one egg per annum and its numbers do not diminish, obviously such birds must reach a great age or they would long ago have been exterminated.



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### How a Cat Caught Two Rats.

I once had a cat who did a rather remarkable ratting feat. He stalked two young rats on the eaves of a low flat stable roof and caught one in the usual way. The other jumped on to an elderberry tree just below.

Bob, however, not satisfied with the one, grasped it firmly in his mouth and then jumped headlong for the other. Either he was very lucky or extraordinarily agile, for he fell to the ground with one rat still in his mouth and the other in his paws and promptly killed them both.—Scotsman.

### Alphabet in Bible Verse.

In the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra can be found every letter of the English alphabet. It runs thus: "And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily."

But, still more wonderful, in the eighth verse of the third chapter of Zephaniah is contained every letter, including finals, of the Hebrew language.—Westminster Gazette.

### Up Before the Bar.

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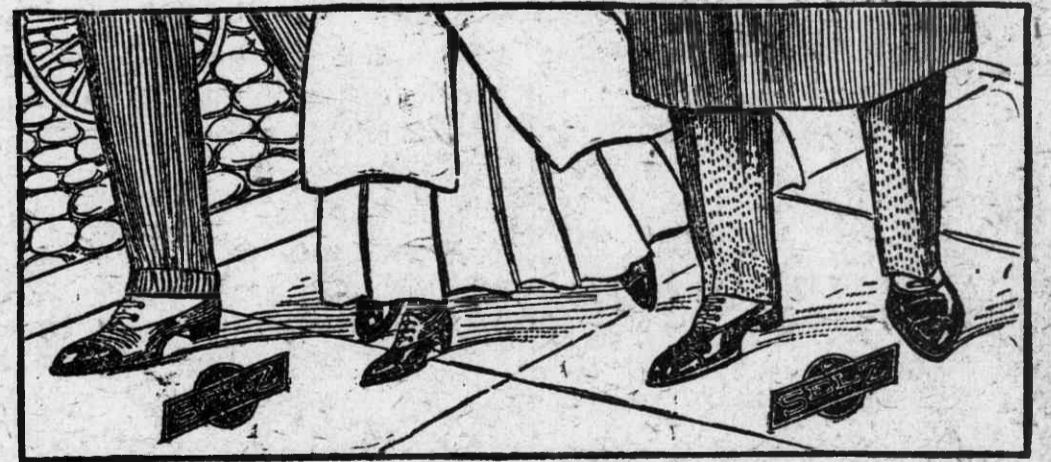
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