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## THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The first county commencement exercises for Transylvania county were held at the Auditorium last Saturday. Although the weather was very inclement quite a large gathering was present, many people from various parts of the county being there, and all present went away well pleased with the day's exercises, and no doubt all present were glad they were there.

There was some delay in beginning the exercises due to the failure of some of the graduates to arrive on time. The graduates from the seventh grade from the various schools of the county, twenty-eight in number, were gathered on the stage.

The program was started by all joining in singing "America," after which Rev. Loy D. Thompson, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, led in prayer. Mayor W. M. Henry made a short speech, welcoming all the teachers and pupils in a very pleasing manner.

Prof. T. C. Henderson, the county superintendent, then introduced the speaker of the day, Prof. L. C. Brogden of Raleigh, superintendent of elementary public schools of North Carolina, who had been sent to take the place of Prof. J. Y. Joyner, who was unavoidably kept away on account of rush of business in his office.

Prof. Brogden spoke on the subject of "Equal Rights in Education," and rarely, if ever, have the people of Transylvania county had an opportunity of hearing such a masterly address. The speaker held the attention of all present for a period of fifty minutes. He reviewed the progress made in educational lines in this state for the past several years, but quoted statistics showing that there is yet much work to do before the state can take the position she should hold in the matter of education. His speech was frequently interrupted by the applause of the audience.

After this address a recitation and declamation contest took place, the contestants speaking for a gold medal. The following seventh grade graduates took part in the declamation contest: Robert Deaver, Jr., of the Selica school; Gaither Briggs of Little River school; Napoleon Henderson of the Quebec school and Joseph Bell of Penrose school.

The recitation contest was participated in by Lillian Cunningham of Brevard, Clessie Whitmire of Rosman, Ruth Duckworth of Brevard and Bessie Batson of Cedar Mountain.

After these two contests the judges, Profs. Brogden, Kale and Shittle, rendered their verdict, giving the declamation medal to Gaither Briggs and the recitation medal to Ruth Duckworth. The prize essay on "Home Sanitation" was read by Miss Ida Glazener of Rosman. After the reading of this essay, Rev. R. D. Cross, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, presented the medals in well chosen words, after which the diplomas were presented to the twenty-eight graduates by Prof. T. C. Henderson.

In the afternoon there was a recitation contest between representatives of the three high schools of the county. The Rosman high school was represented by Miss Clessie Whitmire, Brevard by Miss Olivia Hancock and Penrose by Miss Ina Talley. So well were these recitations delivered that the decision as to who had earned the medal was very hard to reach. The medal was awarded to Miss Talley, the same judges acting in the afternoon.

It is to be regretted that Mr. T. G. Wood did not arrive in Brevard to tell the farmers about the advantages of having a county fair, and on account of his failure to arrive nothing was done in regard to this matter. It is to be hoped, however, that he will yet come and that a fair association will be organized for this county.

After the commencement exercises were over many of the visitors present went to the ball ground to witness a base ball game between Brevard and Brevard Institute. The game resulted in a victory for the Institute by a score of five to three.

## PAVING BOND ACCEPTED

When the News announced recently that the many questions arising from the paving proposition had all been satisfactorily settled we did so in good faith, and thought that the entire matter had been disposed of, but at a special meeting of the board of aldermen last Monday afternoon, lasting for three hours, the matter was again taken up and all the many previous actions of the board were rescinded, even the price formerly agreed upon for the work being changed.

The board had invited Mr. J. T. Bostic, street superintendent of Asheville, to be present and advise them as to the best binder to be used in the work here. Mr. Bostic being a disinterested party his advice could be relied upon. The board had received so much conflicting advice (?) from various paving men and others that they felt in need of some advice from some one not interested in the contract.

Some difficulty had arisen over the question of a maintenance bond for the finished street, and to save a long delay and probably a law suit the board agreed to pay a little higher price for the work, price being raised from \$1.39 1/2 to \$1.41 per square yard. The board voted unanimously to allow this raise.

It had been found that the maintenance bond could not be given for any period at all upon an oil binder, the contractors having tried a large number of bonding companies to get a guarantee either upon a Tarvia or Standard Binder C and failed, the board then decided to go back to their original decision and use Bermudez natural lake asphalt for the binder. It gives the News pleasure to announce this fact, for with the exception of the very high priced pavements we consider the natural lake asphalt the very best that could be secured. The five year maintenance bond and contracts have all been signed and accepted by the board, and now the whole matter is settled finally, and the work has begun.

## REV. J. C. OWEN AT WORK

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

I think a note from me will be of interest to your readers.

I have been at work for three and a half months as evangelist among our mountain schools. There have been 342 professions of conversion and more than 400 have declared their readiness to obey the master entirely if it means that they are to be ministers of the gospel or foreign or home missionaries. A very great work is being done in these schools. There are 32 of the schools in seven states, with a student attendance of about 5,000. The Home Mission Board is helping all these schools.

I am now in the "Sunny South" at work for the Home Mission Board. Floods and storms have done much damage here. But the people are still cheerful, confident and happy, with plenty of time to stand or sit on the streets, tell jokes and laugh.

I hope to spend some time in the summer in Transylvania.

Yours respectfully,

J. C. OWEN.

Union Springs, Ala., April 11.

Pains in the back, and the irregularities to which women are subject, with all their attendant miseries, yield at once to DR. SIMMONS' SQUAW VINE COMPOUND. It is as pleasant to take as the juice of a sweet orange. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by S. M. Macfie. adv

## THE RECORDER'S COURT

The first session of the recorder's court was held at the court house last Monday morning, and five cases were disposed of in short order by Judge J. Adger Forsythe.

A good sized crowd of people was present to see the new court start out, and a stranger into the court room would have thought he was in a Superior court room. The court was called to order by the sheriff, Mr. J. H. Pickelsimer, in the same way the higher court is called and at all times the order in the court was as good as in the Superior court.

According to the provisions of the act, the county attorney, Mr. Robt. L. Gash, is to be the solicitor in the new court, and in one of the very first cases to come up for a hearing a little difficulty arose on account of the fact that Mr. Gash had represented one of the defendants in the recent session of the Superior court, and therefore could not prosecute him in the recorder's court with good grace.

Another defendant was being prosecuted for assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a violin, and some one raised the point that a violin was not a deadly weapon, but the recorder ruled that he was guilty and a fine was entered against him.

The following cases came before the first session and were disposed of as indicated:

State v. Allie Aiken and Mose Bailey, larceny of chickens, not guilty. The recorder ruled that the defendants were guilty but that their guilt was not proven.

State v. Mose Gash, failure to work the roads when summoned, not guilty, it being proven that he was detained at home on account of serious illness in his family.

State v. Robert Siniard, retailing, not guilty.

State v. Owen Orr, assault with a fiddle, \$5.00 and costs.

State v. Lee Bishop, assault with a deadly weapon, \$5.00 and costs. Defendant appealed to Superior court.

Upon convening court Judge Forsythe made the following statement in regard to the attitude of the court, laying special stress on the matter of pistol toting, disturbing religious worship, and the selling of cigarettes to minors, giving everybody warning that defendants charged with these offenses would be given the limit of punishment upon conviction in his court. His statement follows:

"For years the people of Transylvania have been paying large sums of money for court expenses, due principally for the trial of cases wherein the carrying of concealed weapons were directly or indirectly involved. Now this court has the original and final jurisdiction of such cases, and the county looks to and has the right to expect this court to put a stop to such cases. I now ask the young men to leave their guns at home, for a man who carries a gun is a coward. He carries it to use it, and will use it if he carries it long enough, and when he does he will use it in a cowardly manner; because when convicted it will be too late to come whining that it will be a great hardship for him to pay a heavy fine or go to the roads for a term. So be warned now.

"I am informed that in certain sections the people have been greatly annoyed by young men under the influence of liquor disturbing religious meetings. Now if brought before this court and convicted, I promise them that they will not find a picnic awaiting them.

"It is a misdemeanor to sell cigarettes to minors, and offenders will not forget the heavy fine that will be theirs if convicted.

"In regard to the laws regulating or forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquors, the county has on the statute books every law that could be framed to prevent the making, selling, giving away or having. This court is ever ready to execute

all papers and give a speedy trial, but it is powerless unless the people do their part. So it depends altogether with the citizens whether or not these laws are enforced. What say you, citizens of Transylvania?"

## CEDAR MOUNTAIN ITEMS

Left out last week.

Mrs. V. C. McCrary passed through this section last Saturday on a visit to see her mother who lives on Seeoff mountain.

Miss Lottie Heath made a call at Miss Leslie McGaha's last Monday evening.

The Cedar Mountain school is going to Brevard Saturday for the purpose of hearing the state superintendent speak.

We have not seen Uncle Jolly Bill or Uncle Wild Bill for some time. Wonder if they were washed away during the hard rain?

Rev. Mark R. Osborne passed through Cedar Mountain Monday afternoon.

The farmers are getting ready for planting after so much rain.

We are expecting a wedding up on Little River before long.

The Cedar Mountain choir had an all-day singing Sunday at Rocky Hill.

Joe McCrary and family from Hogtown spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Scelomon Jones at Caesar's Head.

The women folks are all grass widows in Cedar Mountain now. The men have all gone to court.

BILLIE'S NEICES.

Rowley Hooper is visiting friends and relatives at Brevard this week.

Mr. Carol Jones, Mrs. J. S. Heath and Miss Myrtle Hamlin were visitors at Miss Lottie Heath's home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Lee visited her cousin, Miss Carrie Burns, Sunday afternoon.

J. E. McCrary is on the sick list this week.

Miss Myrtle Hamlin has returned home from a long stay at Greenville, S. C.

Mr. S. A. Jones from Caesar's Head, S. C., was in this section yesterday. He reports that his rheumatism is considerably better.

The trappers of this section are gathering in their traps, as the late fair season forces them to do so. They report good success this season, having caught a good number of coons, skunks and minks and a large number of opossums.

The Young People's Literary Society is progressing nicely at Cedar Mountain.

WILD WILLIE.

## ATTENTION, FARMERS

Farmers, merchants, bankers and all business men, are invited to attend mass meetings and stereopticon pictures to be held at the following places:

Enon school house, Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p. m.

Selica school house April 24, at 7:30 p. m.

Rosman school house, Friday, April 25, at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the department of farm improvement work of the Southern railway and associated companies. Addresses will be delivered by agents in this work.

Invitations are also extended to any farmer or business man who wishes to discuss or offer any advanced ideas on farm work.

The growing of corn so as to increase yields and the surest methods of making a crop will also be discussed.

The invitation is extended to all, both white and negro farmers, to be present and hear these discussions.

The expense of the department of farm improvement work is borne by the railway companies participating in its support and the services of its agents are absolutely free to all farmers along the lines of these companies who desire advice and co-operation.

## TOWN TICKET NOMINATED

For Mayor: W. M. Henry.

For Aldermen: T. L. Snelson, J. E. Cox, F. E. Shuford, W. S. Ashworth and J. W. Duckworth.

The above ticket was nominated at the municipal convention held in the court house last Tuesday night, and this ticket will, in all probability, be elected at the town election in May, as no opposition is anticipated.

The meeting Tuesday night was called to order by J. W. McMinn, the town chairman. Upon motion of J. A. Galloway, Mr. McMinn was made chairman of the meeting, the motion being put by W. E. Breese, Jr. Upon motion of O. L. Erwin, duly seconded and carried, Ora L. Jones was made secretary.

After the organization was completed J. L. Bell made a motion that the voting should be by ballot. This motion was amended by W. E. Breese, Jr., declaring that the men receiving the highest vote be declared the nominee. The amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

The chairman appointed Cos Paxton and J. E. Clayton as tellers, and it was ordered that the voting should be done at the desk.

D. L. English, a republican, wished to know if the convention was a democratic meeting or a citizens meeting, stating that he and other republicans wished to vote if it was a citizens meeting, but did not care to enter a democratic meeting. Upon motion of W. E. Breese, Jr., it was unanimously decided to make the meeting an open one, allowing any citizen of the town, regardless of politics, to vote. This was satisfactory to Mr. English, but upon being questioned he stated laughingly that his entering the meeting at this time would not bind him at the next general election.

Upon motion of J. L. Bell it was ordered that any citizen coming in late should be allowed to vote, even after the tellers had begun their work of counting the ballots.

The final count was as follows:

For Mayor:

W. M. Henry.....49  
C. M. Cooke, Jr. ....15

For Aldermen:

T. L. Snelson .....51  
J. E. Cox .....42  
F. E. Shuford .....36  
W. S. Ashworth.....32  
J. W. Duckworth.....31

S. M. Macfie .....24  
A. M. Verdery, Jr. ....21  
O. V. Summey .....21  
A. H. King .....16  
A. H. Caldwell .....9  
J. A. Miller, Jr. ....7  
O. L. Erwin .....4  
J. E. Clayton .....4  
O. W. Clayton .....3  
W. S. Price .....2  
C. M. Cooke, Jr. ....2  
J. S. Bromfield .....2  
J. M. Kilpatrick.....2  
C. C. Kilpatrick.....2  
F. E. B. Jenkins.....1  
W. M. Henry .....1  
O. L. Jones .....1

## FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Mr. R. E. Grabel will address the farmers and public generally at Brevard in the court house on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Grabel is assistant manager of the department of farm improvement work of the Southern railway.

He has a message for every farmer who will come out to hear him. He will talk about farming and every thing connected with agriculture, and will be glad to answer any question on the subject.

His lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon slides showing the proper way and improper way to run a farm. Everyone is invited to attend this lecture. There will be no admission fee charged and no collection taken—everything is free.