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## GREENVILLE CAMPERS COMING

The management of the Greenville Y. M. C. A. summer camp has decided to bring the boys to Glen Echo Farm, recently purchased by Mr. D. M. Hoke from Mr. J. L. Bell, for their vacation this year instead of camping at Cedar Mountain, as has been the custom for a number of years. The boys will leave Greenville on June 9th, coming by rail to Drakes, and from there they will walk through the country, spending the night at Cedar Mountain. Physical Director C. J. Kilbourne, accompanied by Mr. J. M. Gooddard, were in Brevard last Thursday and made a trip of inspection to the camp site, and arranged to have everything in readiness at this end when the boys should arrive.

The camp will be located at the head of a beautiful valley with plenty of woods and fishing streams close by, and no doubt the boys will have great sport while in camp. The mountains are fast taking on their usual summer time appearance. The laurel and rhododendron are in bloom and the lowlanders will find everything smiling them a welcome.

The camp will have a daily program starting with a sunrise gun (a cannon has been secured for this) followed by reveille and drum roll. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 after which there will be an hour for camp duties. At ten there will be a swim. Just before dinner there will be an inspection, of tents, and every tent will have to come up to the mark for neatness. During the afternoon there will be baseball, scouting, athletics, hikes, fishing, etc. After supper there will be more games, followed by the camp fires that were so popular last year.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Fifth Sunday meeting of Transylvania Association, June 27-29, 1913, with Enon Baptist church.

Introductory sermon Friday at eleven o'clock by Rev. A. J. Manley Organization.

### Queries to be discussed:

1. Scriptural qualifications for partaking of the Lord's Supper. Amos Corn and E. Allison.
  2. Ordination of ministers—its meaning, significance, benefits and evils. By H. P. Moore and R. D. Cross.
  3. Ministerial courtesies. By C. C. Duckworth and M. R. Osborne.
  4. How much time and energy ought a pastor to put into his churches, and how to accomplish it? By T. C. Henderson and J. W. Briggs.
  5. State missions. J. M. Hamlin and A. J. Manley.
  6. Judson Memorial Centennial Missionary Campaign. R. D. Cross.
- Preach on Sunday, M. R. Osborne. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

## CEDAR MOUNTAIN NEWS

Bad luck came to Mr. Pink Summey Sunday night. His house caught fire at 2 o'clock p. m. and was totally destroyed. He only saved two feather beds and a few other articles. He thinks the fire was started by rats in a feather bed up stairs.

Cedar Mountain singing choir joined Cedar Springs church in an all day singing Sunday.

Mr. Joe McCrary spent Sunday night with his father.

Rev. M. R. Osborne passed through this section Monday on his way to Greenville, S. C., to attend the commencement of Furman University.

Mr. Lonie Bishop has returned from Greenville, S. C., where he has been going to school.

Uncle Billie hopes to meet his cousin, Jack's wife, soon for the first time.

Many good wishes to the editor and readers of the Sylvan Valley News.

UNCLE BILLIE.

## A LONG TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Rosmond and Mr. J. F. Henry of Fort Smith, Ark., arrived in Brevard Tuesday shortly after noon, having made the entire trip from Fort Smith in an automobile. They were two weeks in making the trip, no effort having been made to make a record run. The party came by way of Louisville, Ky., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga., stopping at all places of interest.

Good weather prevailed for most of the trip, but in Georgia there was some rain. The entire run was made without any accident of any kind and the automobile looked as if it had just left the factory when it arrived in Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosmond and Mr. Henry will spend the summer at Mrs. J. J. Shipman's. Mr. and Mrs. Rosmond have been coming to Brevard every summer for a number of years and are well known here. Mr. Henry, who is editor of the Fort Smith Daily News-Record, has never been in North Carolina before. He expresses himself as being charmed with our scenery and climate, and it is possible he may spend many summers here.

## THE RECORDER'S COURT

In last week's write-up of the recorder's court we stated that J. T. Harrison had been fined three dollars and costs for failure to work the roads. This should have read five dollars and cost.

At the session of the court Monday morning George Perry, the negro who had so many cases in the court on account of the shooting affray in which he and Howard Erwin were the principals, appeared and withdrew his appeals in two cases and will submit to the sentences pronounced by the recorder.

The following cases were disposed of at Monday's session:

State v. Henry Mackey, obtaining goods under false pretense. Prosecution withdrawn, the prosecutor to pay the costs.

State v. Filmore Searcy, slander. Prosecution withdrawn, the prosecutor to pay the costs.

State v. George Perry, carrying concealed weapons, \$100 and costs. Notice of appeal had been given, but was withdrawn.

State v. George Perry, assault with deadly weapon, four months, commissioners to have authority to hire him out.

## HORSE SHOE NOTES

We are having some very nice weather at present.

Mrs. Weldon English has been on the sick list for some time, but we are glad to say she is improving.

The Gladly Branch singing choir joined the Boylston choir in an all day singing last Sunday at Boylston church. Quite a number of people were present and had a very nice time.

Mrs. Lee Baynard and her sister, Miss Lillie Simpson, visited Mrs. Weldon English Monday.

Fred and Lee Scruggs, who have been working on Davidson River, spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes.

Mrs. Jake Simpson and children visited at Weldon English's Wednesday.

A party composed of Messrs. J. W. McMinn, L. B. Houston, C. M. Cooke, Jr., J. W. Duckworth, F. E. Shuford, T. W. Whitmire, E. M. Anderson, A. E. Streeter and C. M. Pratt spent two days in Gloucester township this week. They report a very nice time, the entire party catching over five hundred trout. They say there are plenty more left.

## VACCINATION—CAUSE OR OCCASION

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

I was not a little surprised to see in your last issue, under the head of "A Correction," an article by Mr. W. S. Price, Jr., and his physician, Dr. E. S. English.

I will quote their statements about my article, and then the sentence from my article, that we may have the facts before us and see who is responsible for any false impressions. I am responsible only for what I said, and not for what they say I said.

The father says: "I feel it my duty, in justice to our friends and family physician and the cause of vaccination, to try and correct an impression left from a memorial article in last week's paper as to the direct cause of our baby Helen's death." Dr. English says: "Mr. Cross states that he supposes that the death was caused by vaccination. This will be taken by the public generally as an assertion, and this statement, if uncorrected, will do untold harm in preventing the people of this county from being vaccinated."

Now here is what I said. Examine these sentences and see if they look alike: "The occasion of the death, I suppose, was vaccination, but under the strain infantile paralysis set in, and then she lingered only a few days." It looks to me that it is the first duty to find out what a man says before replying.

Alas, that people, not even a county physician, know the difference between the cause for a thing and the occasion for it. I did not say that vaccination was the direct, or even remote, cause of death, for I said infantile paralysis set in and caused it; and therefore nothing else could be more than the occasion.

In keeping with a rule of rhetoric I learned years ago, to speak and write so that not only people can understand, but that they must understand, I have endeavored to discriminate in the use of terms, as I did here, but all to no avail. I am forced to illustrate the difference between the cause of a thing and the occasion of it. The cause is in the thing that produces the result and not something connected with it. If vaccination were the cause of death all who are vaccinated would die. Vaccination was no more the cause of death than the singing convention at Rosman was the cause of lawlessness. The convention was in no sense the cause, but it furnished the occasion, and was connected with it. The cause was depraved human nature under sway of strong drink. Not even was the whiskey the cause, but an occasion, for were there no depraved nature whiskey would be harmless.

Not even the temptation of Satan in the garden was the cause of the fall of man. The cause was in the hearts of the first pair, and the temptation was the occasion of the fall. If the cause were in Satan he would have made Jesus fall. But there was no depraved nature to appeal to, and therefore no fall.

But as to physical matters: Once a boy stumped his toe on a crosstie and took lockjaw and died. Was the crosstie the cause? No; the lockjaw was the cause, or all who stump their toes would die and the race would end. But under the slight wound the germs of lockjaw, in the boy or in the atmosphere, multiplied till death followed.

A man stepped on a nail and in a week he was dead from lockjaw. I attended the funeral of a woman who did the same. Was the nail the cause of death? If so all who step on nails would die; while as a matter of fact only a few do die. The germs of the disease in the person or the atmosphere was the cause, while the nail was the occasion under which the disease was operated.

A man scratched his hand on a piece of tin and in a few days he died from blood poison. Was the

tin the cause? If so all who have such scratches would die, but only a few do die from such hurts. So the cause is not here, but under the slight hurt the germs of poison increased till death followed.

Recently a man, while in the hospital for a hurt not thought to be dangerous, and was not in itself, had pneumonia set in, and he died. Did the wound kill him? No; pneumonia killed him and was the cause, or all who have hurts would die. But the hurt was the occasion, for the body being under some strain the germs of the disease increased, and he was unable to cope with the disease in his condition.

A few weeks ago, on a windy afternoon, a house in Brevard burned down. Was the wind the cause of it? If so all the houses in town would have burned, for it blew on them all. The cause was the fire in contact with a defective flue. The fire was the cause, and even the flue was only an occasion, or the burning would have come as soon as the flue became defective.

The relation of cause and occasion. You cannot completely separate them, for no cause can become operative without an occasion. The cause for raising corn is in the seed planted; the occasion is the soil, sun and moisture. If this is not true, plant a gravel and raise corn; and account for the fact that corn and beans will grow in the same hill. Now when you can grow corn without soil, sun and moisture you can have a cause producing an effect without an occasion. For instance, the cause of pneumonia is generally thought to be cold; but such is not true. It is caused by a germ that is prevalent in certain zones. But when the person has been exposed and has contracted cold, and is in a more or less inflamed condition, if the germs are in him, or in the air, they greatly multiply and may cause the disease and possibly death. The cold is not the cause, or all who have colds would have pneumonia, but it is the occasion for the germs to multiply. It furnishes a proper soil for them to increase and do their work.

Also pneumonia is sometimes contracted in violent cases of typhoid fever where the patient, being under high temperature, does not take cold; but if the germs are there this weakened condition furnishes a proper soil for them to increase the cause and disease. The fever is not the cause, but it is the occasion, without which the cause would be inoperative. It is a known fact that if bodies can be kept in a normal, healthful condition little soil is furnished for disease germs, and life is greatly prolonged.

Now, since a cause cannot become operative without a proper occasion, and that even a slight defect in the system, as I have shown in the numerous examples, may become the occasion, or furnish the soil for the increase of germs, and since infantile paralysis is a germ disease, and since I saw the child fretful, suffering from vaccination, I presumed, and do yet, that in connection with the previous hurts, which I mentioned, vaccination was the immediate occasion for the germs of paralysis to increase. I saw the child in that condition only two days before the stroke came, so is it unreasonable to suppose that they had some connection? There is as much ground as in any of the cases that I have mentioned, which I know to be facts.

Now, Dr. English, since a cause cannot become operative apart from an occasion; since germs must have a proper soil in which to multiply; and since any weakened condition of the body, even less than vaccination, furnishes this soil or occasion, and since, as you claim, infantile paralysis is a germ disease, it will be perfectly germane for you to rise up and tell what was the occasion. There must be an occasion, and no one has a right to reject even a supposition until he has a better one.

But as to the danger of vaccina-

tion. I suppose that I owe my life to it, for my mother died of smallpox when I was a child. It has been proven to be a sure preventative for the disease. It would be a good thing to have compulsory vaccination where there is danger, and stamp out the disease. Vaccination is not generally serious, and never dangerous when the patient is in good physical condition. If vaccination hurts, most probably smallpox would kill. But sometimes, just as in any other small hurt, if the germs of something worse should be in the system or in the atmosphere, which all must risk just as in stumping the toe or scratching the hand, it might prove fatal, not as the cause but as the occasion.

My main work is preaching, but here I am forced to turn aside and teach English a lesson or two; but I am no more Cross than I can help.

Yours respectfully,

R. D. Cross.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The school law requires a teachers' institute and school for the training of the public school teachers of the county to be held every two years. This is the year for the teachers' summer school to be held in this county. Arrangements were made by Superintendent Joyner to have this work begin May 19, but there being some objection to this date the time was deferred until later.

The board of education, in called session last Monday, decided and recommended to Superintendent J. Y. Joyner to have the institute begin on Monday, June 16. The teachers of the county are all required to attend this two weeks institute continuously from the opening exercises the first day until the adjournment after the certificates of attendance are issued on the last day. Failure to attend \* \* \* shall be cause for debarring any teacher, so failing, from teaching \* \* \* until such teacher shall have attended, as required by law, some county institute or accredited school as \* \* \* provided for." All teachers, therefore, should remember the date, June 16, and should be at Brevard that day ready to begin work promptly at 10 a. m. On all days except the first the exercises will begin promptly at 9 a. m. "Let it be understood no teacher has complied with the law unless that teacher is present for enrollment on the morning of the first day, and every day of the institute thereafter unless providentially hindered."

All the committeemen of the county are urged to be present at a joint meeting of teachers and school committeemen on Friday morning, June 20, at the close of the first week of the institute. At this meeting such topics as the following may be discussed informally:

- (a) What the committeemen expect of the teacher.
  - (b) What the teacher expects of the committeemen.
  - (c) What more can the committeemen do for the cause of education in their districts than they are doing?
  - (d) School Betterment clubs.
- T. C. HENDERSON,  
County Superintendent.

## ETOWAH ITEMS

Hoing corn is the order of the day here.

Miss Ruth Orr has returned from Canton where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Mann.

O. C. Orr made a trip to Asheville recently.

Quite a number of Etowah's population attended the singing convention at Hendersonville last Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Pless filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at the church.

Rev. W. H. Pless made a flying trip to Spartanburg last week.

L. B.