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ROAD TO SAPPHIRE COUNTRY PLANNED

DR. JOSEPH HYDE PRATT
INTRESTED

This Section Will be Playground
When Good Roads Are Built
as Contemplated.

The daily press of South Carolina and the Charlotte Observer recently carried a story to the effect that Commissioner E. J. Watson of South Carolina and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist of North Carolina, are very much interested in the improvement of the road running through the Sapphire country and touching at Lake Toxaway, one of the most beautiful points of both natural and artificial beauty to be found anywhere in the United States.

According to the announcement, it is the intention of the gentlemen behind the movement to improve the road from Anderson to Walhalla and on to the North Carolina line, and to have the North Carolina authorities take charge of the road in North Carolina from Hendersonville to Lake Toxaway, by way of Brevard, to connect with the South Carolina road at the state line. The greater part of this route has already been improved, but there are various gaps and bad places that will be worked over.

This road would tap the national highway at Anderson, and the Capital to Piedmont highway at Laurens, and would tie in with the Crest of the Blue Ridge highway, which is destined to become the greatest scenic road in America when it is finished. Brevard is on the proposed Crest of the Blue Ridge highway.

Messrs. Pratt and Watson have taken the matter of building this road up with Mr. E. H. Jennings, the owner of the Toxaway property, and Mr. Jennings has promised to help the project in every way possible, and will give a liberal donation toward financing the project. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Pratt have made arrangements to have a consultation in regard to the matter at Lake Toxaway some time this month, and at that time it is thought they will go over a part of the proposed road and discuss the best route. According to the arrangements already made the road will be sign posted and logged.

The fact is well known that motorists are visiting Western North Carolina in greater numbers now than ever before, and many of these are coming from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. They fill the hotels and boarding houses in the mountains and are spending money by the thousands and tens of thousands annually. Anything to increase this travel and business will redound to the benefit of this section, and have its reflex upon the state as a whole. There is no reason in the world why Western North Carolina, with its wonderful scenery, ideal climate and modern railroad facilities, and with its accessibility to the entire South and Eastern America, should not become in time the playground of the western hemisphere.

The construction of the Crest of the Blue Ridge highway will do more to bring this to pass than anything else. It follows, of course, that anything to be done to aid in the work of the Crest of the Blue Ridge highway will be beneficial. This great scenic highway will tie in with the Valley of Virginia turnpike on the north, and the National highway, the Capital to Capital, and other highways on the south.

Miss Hattie Aiken left last Monday to visit Miss Daisy Holcom at Mars Hill.

NEW FACULTY AT INSTITUTE

A large percent of the old faculty will remain with the Institute for the year 1913-14. Mr. and Mrs. Reece, Miss Poindexter, Miss Wilson, Miss Alma Trowbridge, Miss Wells, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Macias and Miss Callahan will all be here with very much the same work that they handled last year. Mr. Reece will have the agriculture instead of the Latin classes, but otherwise the assignment of work to all these teachers will not be changed.

The primary and normal departments will be in the hands of Miss Elizabeth Hyman. Miss Hyman is a graduate of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, and has had a number of years experience as a teacher in the public schools of North Carolina. For two years she had charge of the primary department at Peace Institute, Raleigh, where she did most admirable work. She comes very highly recommended as a successful primary teacher whose influence upon the children is of the very best. Her training, her experience and her disposition all seem to fit her admirably for this important position.

The music department will be under the directorship of Miss Mary Blair, who is known to many in the town, as she visited Brevard last spring. She is a graduate of Wilson College in Pennsylvania. She has had four years of successful teaching, two of which were in a school in New York state. She is an unusual talented pianist herself, and every indication leads to the conclusion that she will be a distinct addition to the musical part of our community. She has spent a large part of this summer in advance study with Professor Lockwood of the University of Michigan.

The Latin and some other high school classes will be taught by Miss Alice Kirk, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, and a teacher of wide and varied experience. After six years of teaching in public schools Miss Kirk has taught in mission schools in Mississippi and in Florida. The past three years she has been in the faculty of one of the state agricultural schools of Alabama.

The sixth grade and history classes will be in the hands of Miss Minnie Taylor, a graduate of Littleton College, and a teacher with years of experience in our own state. She has taught in a number of the North Carolina public schools, and was for two years teacher of history and French in Littleton College. This summer she has studied at the University of Virginia.

The supervision of the boys' duty work, and the management of the farm will be in the hands of Mr. G. B. Blum, who had a large part of this responsibility last year, and who needs no introduction in a Brevard paper as he has been a student in Brevard Institute for several years.

All these teachers come to us as highly recommended for their moral and social qualities as well as for their education and experience. It is doubtful if any school of this grade anywhere has a faculty which combines larger qualities of heart and mind. It is interesting to notice the colleges in which these teachers have been trained, for in the faculty meetings there will be assembled experiences from our State University, Pennsylvania College, Iowa Normal Institute, Eastman Business College of New York City, the Summer School of the South, Lewis Institute, University of Chicago, and Harvard, in addition to the colleges and universities just mentioned in connection with these new teachers.

In addition to these teachers doing regular work, the students have also the advantage of frequent association with Rev. L. D. Thompson, Dr. Goode Cheatham, and Mr. Welch Galloway, whose

scholastic training brings into the faculty roll the names of Wofford College, North Carolina Medical School, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of North Carolina. Not only are all these schools and colleges among the best in the land, but they are from such different sections of the country that the faculty management of the school must necessarily be broad and fair minded. It is a high privilege to have such a body of cultured people brought together in one school or one community.

FAIR CATALOGUE OUT

The News is in receipt of a copy of the 1913 catalogue of the Western North Carolina Fair Association, which will hold its third annual fair at Asheville on October 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The catalogue of 96 pages, bearing an attractive picture of four views representative of Western North Carolina on its front cover, is full of interesting information relative to the fair, and in the announcement of a number of new features, bears evidences of a departure in many respects from the somewhat stereotyped form of agricultural fairs.

The catalogue contains nearly a thousand classes in which different exhibits can be made and for which cash premiums aggregating approximately \$4,000 are offered. The number and variety of exhibits for which premiums are offered has been considerably increased over those of last year and the amount of the premiums has been appreciably increased.

The products of nearly every industry or form of human endeavor in this section have been covered by the various departments of the fair, which it is predicted will be much larger and more representative of Western North Carolina than any previous exhibition.

The boys and girls department is an innovation for agricultural fairs, and by reason of the varied line of exhibits for which handsome premiums and diplomas are offered, it is believed that it will finally become one of the most interesting features of the fair and serve the purpose of interesting the boys and girls of this section in those things which will tend to greater progress and development along many lines.

Another new feature of the fair work is the college scholarship contest in which free scholarships will be given in a number of the leading educational institutions in the state.

Copies of this catalogue can be had by calling in person at the News office.

THE RECORDER'S COURT

Very little business was disposed of by the recorder at the session Monday. A number of very important cases were on the docket but all were continued for various reasons. Final disposition was made in only one case. Following was the order in which they came: State v. Mose Bailey, nuisance, continued for one week on account of the absence from town of the defendant's attorney.

State v. Bird Fuller and Jim Fuller, drunk, not guilty. The prosecutor, Henry Burgin, to pay the costs.

State v. Will Norris, nuisance, continued one week on account of the absence of attorney for defendant. \$200 bond to be furnished.

State v. Will Norris, assault, continued one week for same reason as above; \$200 bond to be furnished.

How the Trouble Starts.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by S. M. Macfie. adv

POSEY M'CALL KILLED

Posey McCall, a well known young man of Brevard, was instantly killed on the Hendersonville railroad yards last Monday morning shortly after six o'clock. The young man at the time of his death was employed as flagman on train No. 4, running between Hendersonville and Lake Toxaway. While switching the through Pullman cars from train No. 3 to train No. 4 the young man was killed while in the discharge of his duty.

It seems that the two trains were standing about six feet apart, on the same track, and that while young McCall was adjusting the couplings preparatory to making the connection between the cars, train No. 4 began to back up. Some one spoke to McCall warning him of his danger, but evidently he misunderstood the warning, and only straightened up, and his head was caught between the vestibules on the cars. His death was instantaneous.

The body was carried to the undertaking establishment of J. M. Stepp, who prepared it for burial and sent it to Brevard Monday night. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church Tuesday morning and interment was at the Glazener cemetery. The funeral services were under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M., a committee from the local lodge having gone to Hendersonville to accompany the body to Brevard.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. E. Enloe, who lives on Cascade avenue, and one sister, Miss Maggie McCall.

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE

The farmers of Transylvania county should be interested in the advertisement now running in the News for the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association. This company is backed by some of the best known and most influential men in the state, and their names at the head of the concern is a guarantee that it is something good. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh is the president of the association, T. W. Parker, who is connected with the state department of agriculture, is the vice president, and A. E. S. Lindsey is secretary and treasurer.

The company now has over \$15,000,000 insurance in force and this amount is being increased every day. The company does not insure anything but property of farmers, and as the plan is a co-operative one it makes insurance rates mighty cheap.

Any farmer interested should read the advertisement of the company in this week's issue. Mr. J. L. Aiken is the local representative.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS REUNION

The annual reunion of the veterans of Transylvania county will be held at the Davidson River grounds on Thursday, August 21st. Programs and a more extended notice will appear in next week's issue.

ORPHANS' CONCERT

A class of children from the Odd Fellows' orphans home at Goldsboro will give a concert here at the Auditorium next Tuesday night, August 12, at 8:30 p. m.

This orphan home is now caring for 200 children. This is the third season that the singing class has visited Brevard. The cause is a worthy one, and the entertainment will be worth the price of admission.

Mr. G. F. Glazener of Atlanta is visiting friends and relatives in Brevard and elsewhere in the county. Mr. Glazener is a native Transylvanian, but has been living out of the county for half a century, making occasional visits here.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS

The board of education met last Friday and confirmed the selection of attendance officers made by the committees of the various townships. After this confirmation the first duty of the attendance officers was to take the census of each school district. Heretofore this work has been done by committeemen, or under their direction.

At this meeting the board also fixed the term of the four months of compulsory attendance to begin the first Monday in October.

On Monday, August 4, the following public schools began the year's session: Owen school, Pine Grove, Robinson, Shoal Creek, Lake Toxaway, Old Toxaway, East Fork, Oak Forest, Calvert, Round Top, Island Ford, Dnnn's Creek, Carson Creek, English Chapel, Cedar Mountain, Mine Mountain, Turkey Creek and Blantyre.

The following statistics gleaned from the superintendent's yearly report of schools for white children should be of interest: The average length of term for the county was 121.6 days; average length for local tax schools, 142.7 days; for non-local tax schools, 81.5 days. The census contained the names of 1,152 boys, 1,160 girls, a total of 2,312. The enrollment was 934 boys, 936 girls, a total of 1,870. The average attendance of boys was 550, of girls 579, a total of 1,129. It will be noticed from these figures that the enrollment was 80 per cent of the census, while the average attendance was about 49 per cent of the census.

ALDERMEN MEETING

The board of aldermen had its regular monthly meeting in the mayor's office last night. Mayor Henry presided, and four aldermen were present, Messrs. Ashworth, Snelson, Shuford and Duckworth.

A petition was presented to the board, represented by Revs. Chapman, Cross, Thompson and Norwood. This petition had been circulated for a week or more and contained the names of 117 signers. It read as follows:

"We, the undersigned petitioners, respectfully petition your honorable board to pass an ordinance prohibiting all stores from opening on the Sabbath, and that they be not allowed to sell anything on that day, except that drug stores be allowed to open for the filling of prescriptions and that restaurants be allowed to remain open on that day: Provided, that said drug stores and restaurants be not allowed to sell tobaccos or soft drinks, or any article of merchandise, and that your said board in said ordinance make it a misdemeanor to violate the same."

The petition was accepted and approved by the board by a majority of one vote. An ordinance will be drafted covering the points in the petition.

Mr. T. H. Shipman appeared before the board in the interest of the proposed sand clay road to be built from Brevard to the foot of Rocky Hill. The board agreed that the town give \$200 for the construction of this road, provided that the county give \$400.

The vexing question of the town lights came up for consideration. Mr. M. M. Chapman, representing the Cascade Power Company, stated that the recent failure in the lights were caused by the scarcity of water which operates the plant. The board decided to cut the amounts due to the company, for June \$15 and for July \$25.

Services at Brevard Baptist church, August 10, 1913. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Concern for the Salvation of the lost." Night subject, "A Short Sermon to the Young." Baptism at the close.