

Sylvan Valley News

ONLY NEWSPAPER IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A HOME PAPER FOR HOME PEOPLE—ALL HOME PRINT

VOLUME—XVIII

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1913.

NUMBER—39

AN IMPORTANT DEAL

According to a story carried by the Asheville Citizen last Monday morning, Mr. Donald Campbell of Rosman, formerly of Williamsport, Pa., has leased the railroad, saw mill and other equipment of the Gloucester Lumber Co. for a number of years. The following was the story in full as printed by the Citizen:

"Louis Carr and W. F. Decker of Pisgah Forest and Donald Campbell of Rosman were Asheville visitors yesterday, guests at the Langren.

"Mr. Campbell has lately taken over the Gloucester Lumber Co.'s operations by contract. They comprise about twenty thousand acres of the valuable timber lands of George W. Vanderbilt, and adjoin the land which is being cut over by Mr. Carr. The Gloucester Lumber Co.'s band saw mill, sixteen miles of railroad and all equipment were leased to Mr. Campbell for the term of a contract which will require in the neighborhood of twelve or fifteen years to complete.

"Mr. Campbell is a native of Williamsport, Pa., a famous lumber center, and was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad at Pittsburgh several years previous to his venture in the South."

MRS. R. O. ENGLISH

On the 5th of September death entered the home of R. O. English and called his faithful companion home. Sister English and her bereaved husband had been together in life about sixty years. Grandma was born in the year 1824. She was joyful and made home pleasant. At her death she was eighty-nine years old. Grandma leaves an aged husband and four children to mourn her loss.

Sister English was a faithful church member and was a devoted Christian for about sixty-four years. She has joined her two children who years ago passed before. The sixty years she journeyed along life's rugged ways hand in hand with her now bereaved husband, her's was a beautiful life, a beautiful life, a beautiful character and a beautiful ending of life's career. In the passing away of Sister English from the home circle in which she was the chief charm and joy no tongue can express the feeling of loss and loneliness which oppress those that are left in the world. But the memories of many happy years and the assurance of an early reunion with the loved ones gone on before must be a comfort and an inspiration, and would shine through the darkness like the bow of hope in the bosom of the cloud.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor and W. K. West in the M. E. church on Davidson River and the interment was at Davidson River cemetery.

W. R. WEST.

ETOWAH NOTES

The recent rains have put the farmers behind with their work.

Miss Lena Lockett of Hendersonville spent last week with relatives at this place.

Miss Minnie Lance has returned to Morganton after visiting home-folks for a week or two.

Miss Christine Justus of Hendersonville visited Miss Annie Blythe last week.

V. McClain has returned from a business trip to Spartanburg, S. C. Miss Emma Lance of Waycross, Ga., visited relatives at this place recently.

Rob Merrell has built a nice cottage on his farm near Etowah.

Misses Myrtle Crawford and Miriam Orr visited Miss Mary Lou McClain Sunday.

School at this place has stopped for "fodder pulling."

LITTLE BEN.

TRANSYLVANIA REPRESENTED

Transylvania county is to be well represented at the coming Western North Carolina fair, not only in the matter of exhibits but in representation in a number of important events as well.

Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, of Brevard Institute, has been selected as one of the directors of the educational department. This department is being made one of the leading features at the fair this year, and the management is to be congratulated on securing the services of such a capable man for this important position.

Mr. W. E. Breese, Jr., has been invited to introduce Mr. M. V. Richards, the land and industrial agent of the Southern railway, of Washington, D. C., who will make a speech on the closing night of the fair, the last day being Western North Carolina day. Mr. Breese's friends all know that he is competent to perform the duty imposed on him and Mr. Richards will be well introduced.

Mr. R. L. Gash has been chosen as one of the judges of the parade on Brotherhood day. All the fraternities in this district have been asked to participate in this parade and there will be prizes for the best showing, and Mr. Gash, with others, will decide where the prizes shall go.

From present indications it appears that the fair this year will be much better than ever before. An enormous amount of work has been done by the management in preparation for the event, and it will doubtless prove a big drawing card.

ROSMAN NOTES

Jack Frost made his first appearance in our section last Monday morning.

Mr. J. M. Kilpatrick of Brevard with a crowd of men is busy making an addition to the tannery. They will add thirty new vats.

The Rosman high school committeemen met last Friday and decided to complete the upstairs room of the new building and add another teacher. This will make five teachers. They also decided to add the tenth grade.

Misses Clessie Whitmire and Victoria Gillespie returned to Rosman Saturday night from Mars Hill where they have been in school. They say they can go to school at home much cheaper since the tenth grade has been added to our school, they having completed the ninth grade last term.

If there's a place in the county that can beat Rosman on the subject of cattle raising let's hear from it. Within the last five months there have been three sets of twin calves born in our neighborhood.

Mr. Thos. Whitmire has been very sick, but is improving.

A number of our young people had a jolly time Sunday afternoon picking chinquepins.

LITTLE BOY.

RECEPTION TO TEACHERS

The Brevard Betterment Association will give the teachers of the county a reception after the literary program of the teachers' association Friday evening. All members of the betterment, patrons of the school and teachers of the county are invited to be present at the school house at eight o'clock for the evening with James Whitcomb Riley and the reception.

WORK IS PROGRESSING

The street paving work has been making great progress this week. On Monday afternoon the finished work was up to a point just above Mitchell's, but as we go to press it is up to the square, with most of the square finished, and the men are now at work on Broad street. If the weather continues good for the rest of this week it is believed that Broad street can be finished this week.

TO BUILD CHAIR FACTORY

An addition to the diversified interests of North Carolina is to be a chair factory located at Brevard, on the Southern railway. Louis Carr, of the Carr Lumber Company, recently announced that the company intended building the factory near its mills. The company recently purchased 70,000 acres of land at Pisgah Forest and work will be started at once on cutting the timber. The company intends to go into the manufacture of chairs to utilize the odds and ends from the mill, which otherwise would go to waste. All the small lengths and the curly lumber will be used in this way. As the capacity of the new plant has not been determined upon the number of employes cannot be stipulated. It means, however, another industry in Western North Carolina.—Southern Field.

SHOCKING CORN

"Here in this mountain country of Western North Carolina it is the custom to top the corn and pull blades. I have opposed this and out and shock my corn. The best farmers here contend that this is a mistake here owing to the frequent rains making it hard to gather the corn, and the shock not drying well. What is best?"

Keep on shocking your corn. They say in the coast country that the humidity of the climate is against it, and there may be some reason there for their objection, but in your mountain country, though you have much rain, the climate is very different. The farmers around you have probably never tried shocking.—Progressive Farmer.

BARACAS AND PHILATHEAS

The twenty-third anniversary of the organization of the first Baraca class by Marshall A. Hudson of Syracuse, N. Y., will be celebrated in an appropriate manner by the Baracas and Philatneas of Asheville on October 18, 19 and 20.

Mr. Hudson, the founder of the Baraca and Philatheas movement, will be in Asheville for the exercises and will make a number of addresses to the delegates present. Every Baraca and Philathea class in Western North Carolina is urged to send one or more delegates to this meeting, and pastors and Sunday school superintendents are especially invited.

The meeting promises to be an enjoyable one, and will no doubt serve to arouse increased interest in the work in this section. Homes will be provided for all who send in their names to N. Buckner before October 15th. It is to be hoped that the local classes will be represented at this meeting.

QUEBEC NEWS

Jack Frost has been visiting our community.

Rev. H. H. Honeycutt closed a meeting at Oak Grove Monday night, September 22. His sermons were interesting. The first week of the meeting it was raining; the last it was too clear. It seems as though the hearts of the people were as rocks. What excuse will they make when the Lord calls?

Walter Reece of Lake Toxaway visited his parents last Sunday.

Quite a lot of chinquepins this year. The squirrels will have a happy winter.

The Quebec school will give an entertainment and box supper Saturday night, October 4. All are cordially invited. Come and see for yourself. Don't forget your pocketbook.

LITTLE QUEBECIAN.

Mr. J. F. Jones of Savannah, Ga., has accepted a position as stenographer in Mr. J. F. Hays' office, succeeding Miss Davis.

SCHOOL CENSUS

The act passed by the last legislature requiring the attendance officer for each township to take the school census for the whole township seems to be unsuccessful in this county. It would be better, I feel sure, to have a census taker for each school district. In a number of schools of the county there are pupils enrolled who are not on the school census taken by the attendance officers. Some of the officers left copies of the census with me for the teachers and I mailed them to those for whom they were intended. In acknowledgment of which one teacher wrote me as follows: "I received the census report (?). It is not correct. A Mr. ——— came to school one day and wanted me to get the census by the next Saturday. I told him I could not, but could give him all except those upon ——— and ———. What he gave in are the ones I had taken." Then she stated that all the post-offices were given wrong, and that the number listed "who cannot read and write" was an error. She closed her letter by saying, "The first day I can I shall go and take the correct census and send you a copy. There are several who are not on the copy you have."

The law requires the census taker to furnish the teacher with a correct copy of the school census, for which he receives three cents a name for each pupil listed. In the above instance it seems as if the teacher was to take the census and furnish the census taker with a copy. In that instance the teacher should receive the pay.

From one township in the county we have received no school census at all. We do not know what has prevented the census taker from getting up and sending in the census. We have written him twice concerning the matter but so far he has made no reply.

The last legislature changed the law so that from now on the amount we receive from the \$250,000 state funds will be based on our school census; therefore it is important that all the children be remembered on the census, not only for the information of the teachers, but also that our county may receive from the state the amount of school funds to which it is entitled.

T. C. HENDERSON,
County Supt. of Schools.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STATE OFFICERS

Transylvania officers have received copies of the following orders issued by Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes regarding the violation of traffic laws:

"To the Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Policemen, Marshals, Watchmen and Constables of North Carolina:

"Do not permit any automobile or motorcycle to run anywhere or at any time unless proper display number for 1913-14 appears on rear. "Do not permit any person to operate a motor vehicle of any kind unless such person shall, upon demand, show a license for the current year.

"Do not permit any person to attempt to transfer license to another person. Licenses are void in the hands of any person other than the one to whom issued. They are also void for any machine except the one described therein.

"Do not permit speed exceeding ten miles per hour in the business portion and fifteen miles in the residential section of any city or town, and twenty-five miles on public highways.

"Persons violating the automobile law are subject to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for thirty days upon conviction before a justice of the peace or any other officer having jurisdiction.

"Each of the officers named herein is liable on his official bond for failure or neglect in carrying out the duties above imposed."

SOME CUTTING-UP

If Chief Galloway is permitted to carry on his operations in this county in the high handed manner he is using at present it will not be long before there will be "no ba'm in Gilead", when a fellow gets snakebitten. And they do say that snakes are very plentiful this year, too. Almost every week Chief Galloway can be seen talking to his first lieutenant, F. V. Whitmire, in a knowing way when all of a sudden both these men will be missing for a while, and then they come back with the news that they have just cut up one, two, three, and sometimes five manufacturing plants belonging usually to parties unknown—at least they are not telling who they belonged to.

Early last week Mr. Galloway, accompanied by Messrs. Van Whitmire and Reuben McBrayer of Asheville, went over into Jackson county and cut up five stills which were located on Buck, Sol's and Scott's creeks. One of these was a brand new sixty-five gallon copper still too.

Last week these same men went on a pleasure trip to Gloucester and while there got peevish with somebody about something and deliberately cut up another booze plant.

But to bring the matter closer home they went over on Seoff mountain and found another plant and destroyed that also. The end is not yet. Only this week these three destroyers were seen on the streets of Brevard and later taking a train in the direction of Asheville, possibly with a view to visiting other counties on the some kind of mission.

Mr. Galloway is certainly making good in his new position, and we will not be surprised if at the end of the year he has more successful raids to his credit than any other man on the revenue force.

FRUITLAND INSTITUTE

We are glad to see the sun shining again after several days of rain.

Jack Frost was on hand early Monday morning and it was like winter indeed.

The school work is improving all the time and new students are being enrolled almost every week. Erwin Galloway, Monroe Tinsley and David Barton of Transylvania were added recently.

D. P. McCann, N. A. Randall, Neil Hamilton and Price Drake, former students, were welcome visitors here last Sunday.

Rev. N. A. Melton and wife spent several days with us last week. They left Friday for Chicago, where Mr. Melton is to enter the Moody Bible Institute. We wish him success and hope to have him with us again next year.

Rev. J. C. Owen will begin a series of revival meetings on Friday of this week.

The entire school went on a mountain trip the 13th, which was enjoyed by all. Lunch was served on the summit of High Top.

Prof. Woodward filled his regular appointment at Saluda Sunday.

BILL WRAY.

SELICA SCHOOL OPENING

The formal opening of Selica graded school will be observed at the school building on Friday, October 3, at 2:00 p. m. This is the Patron's Day. An occasion of this kind was observed last year which tended to give dignity of character to the work lasting through the entire term. Something like the following is suggested:

Speech of welcome, committeemen.

Talk by Prof. C. H. Trowbridge. Formal presentation of the keys of the institution to teachers, Supt. T. C. Henderson.

Informal reception.