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THE ROAD WORK

As we go to press it is impossible to tell just what was done on Wednesday and Thursday on the roads. As near as we can find out there were about five hundred men working throughout the county on Wednesday and possibly two hundred on Thursday. The work done, for the most part, was of a permanent form and the wisdom of the builders will be demonstrated in the future.

There were six squads of men working near Brevard, the citizens of the town joining whatever group they wanted to near town.

Possibly the largest force in the county was on the Loftis Lane, just east of Brevard, under the direction of Mr. T. T. Loftis. A large amount of sand and gravel was hauled to the bad places in this road and the road was given a good crown so that it would shed water. A part of this force, made up for the most part of town men, did good work just beyond the Boardman place in widening the road, removing the stumps, etc., and grading the sidewalk. A number of trees were taken up at this place. This work will show up as well as any other in the county, possibly.

Good work was done in North Brevard by the citizens of that community. A large force worked at a point near where Mr. T. M. Mitchell formerly lived, another at Rocky Hill, another near C. C. Duckworth's, and many more. The reports are not all in at this time.

In keeping with the idea of improvement the graded school held no sessions on Thursday, while the children, under the direction of the teachers, spent the day in cleaning up and beautifying the school grounds. The children went into this work with a will and on looking down that way every child could be seen doing something.

The Good Roads Days have resulted in great good for Transylvania county. While only a small per cent of the citizenship actually worked the work done amounted to a great deal.

WISH TO GO THROUGH CANAL

Fifty former members of the crew of the famous old battleship Oregon have petitioned the secretary of the navy for permission to enlist for a period of sixty or ninety days when the ship is sent through the Panama canal in 1915.

These men live in and around San Francisco and all are desirous of again trodding the decks of the warship on which they made a forced run from the Pacific to the Atlantic in 1898 and arrived off Cuba in time to play an important part in the destruction of the Spanish fleet.

Inasmuch as the volunteers are now men of families some means will be worked out to raise funds for the support of their dependants in the event of the limited enlistment being granted.

BOX SUPPER AT SELICA

There will be a debate followed by a box supper at Selica school house Saturday evening, November 15, at eight o'clock. The question for debate is, "Resolved, That Woman Suffrage is Wrong." Affirmative: Messrs. L. P. Hamlin, J. L. Waldrop and Luke Osteen. Negative: C. R. Sharp, Riley Wilson and M. M. Wilson. After the programme for the evening boxes will be sold. Every one cordially invited.

Most heaters waste half your fuel. Cole's Hot Blast Heaters save and use that wasted portion. adv

Mr. Roscoe Nicholson reports that he raised seventy-five bushels of Irish potatoes on one half acre of ground, and in addition to this harvested twenty bushels of corn, which had been planted between the potato rows. There seems to be no limit to what the farmers in this county can do when they try themselves.

COMMITTEE MEETS

The committee of nine appointed at the recent meeting of the Transylvania Baptist Association for the purpose of locating the proposed denominational school held a meeting in the office of Mr. T. C. Henderson on Tuesday morning for the purpose of hearing the various propositions as to a location for the school. Seven members of the committee were present and listened attentively to the propositions offered, after which they made a tour of inspection to the various properties.

Mr. C. C. Duckworth made three propositions to the committee, all with a view to locating the school at Selica, on the Deaver farm. He agreed (1) to sell one half of the farm to the Association for \$12,500 and donate one thousand dollars of this amount, or (2) to sell them the whole farm for \$25,000 and donate five thousand, or he would give (3) forty-five acres, west of the railroad absolutely free.

Mr. W. H. Faulkner presented a proposition looking to the establishment of the school on Estebrook Hill. This proposition was offered for \$2,000, and in addition to this a subscription list containing pledges amounting to about six thousand dollars was presented.

Another offer of seven acres of land for the use of the school near Dr. J. H. McLean was made.

Still another proposition was brought up in regard to property near the residence of Mr. W. H. Duckworth. It was said that this property could be purchased for school purpose at a very reasonable price. Although other places were mentioned no other formal offers were made to the committee.

After these offers were all in the committee held a very short discussion, eliminating everything except the Selica property and the property near Mr. Duckworth's, after which they adjourned for dinner, later going to look over these sites.

RECORDER'S COURT

For a display of the fine points of the law we would recommend the recorder's court. Some of the most interesting questions of law have arisen for the consideration of the recorder within the past few weeks. At Monday's session a case was taken up in which a man was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. After hearing the evidence of two witnesses the attorney for the plaintiff asked that a warrant be served on the prosecuting witness, charging him and the defendant in the first suit with an affray. After considering the matter for a short time the recorder agreed to this course, and in the trial both the original defendant and the prosecuting witness were found guilty.

The following cases were disposed of:

State vs. D. M. Hoke, passing a worthless check, continued for one week.

State vs. Ed Waldrop, escaping from the chaingang, plea of guilty entered, sixty days added to his original sentence.

State vs. Wash and Ella Whitmire, retailing, not guilty. In this case the state had eleven witnesses and, contrary to the usual manner, they were taken out of the room and brought back one at a time. Each and every one of them testified to the same facts, however, and out of it all there was no evidence against the defendant.

State vs. Bascom Reese, retailing, continued one week.

State vs. F. Henderson, assault with a deadly weapon upon Charlie Mull. It was in this case that the prosecuting witness was brought in as a party to the suit. The trial resulted in conviction for both parties. Mr. Henderson was fined twenty-five dollars and costs, while Mr. Mull was fined ten dollars and costs. Notice of an appeal for Mr. Mull was waived.

ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

Early last week a few citizens of the county, while in town, suggested to a number of town men that it would be a good idea to call a meeting of the citizens of the county in order to discuss plans for working the roads on Good Roads days in this county. These gentlemen decided to issue such a call, mailing out several hundred letters to citizens in all parts of the county, asking them to meet in the court house on Friday.

When the time for the meeting arrived a large number of citizens were present, and nearly every township was represented. In the discussion of the proper organization of the volunteer road forces in the various townships two speakers, Messrs. J. M. Hamlin and R. Zachary, stated that work done on Good Roads days would be worth very little to the county if the sentiment created by such work was not kept alive, and suggested the organization of a permanent organization. This idea made a hit with those present at once, and it was decided to issue a call for every citizen in the county to meet in Brevard on the first Monday in December and then and there enter into a permanent organization of the Transylvania Good Roads Association.

The meeting called for the purpose of organizing the road forces for the work this week was organized by the election of Mr. T. T. Loftis as chairman and Rev. E. H. Norwood as secretary. These gentlemen are also temporary officers of the Good Roads Association.

One man, on seeing so much good roads sentiment displayed by so many people, seemed of the opinion that a large number of the speakers were not in earnest, and suggested that every man who intended to work on the roads should be requested to stand up. He as well as others was surprised to see the entire meeting on its feet—possibly two or three hundred men. It was at this point that the matter of organizing permanently was suggested.

On motion of Dr. Goode Cheatham it was decided that the road overseers in every township be requested by the meeting to appoint sub-overseers to look after the work on sections where the regular overseer could not go, and that the citizenship of the county be requested to report to these for assignments. Messrs. T. L. Gash, C. H. Trowbridge and W. E. Breese, Jr., were appointed to draft a letter to the citizens of the county in regard to this matter.

After the meeting had adjourned a meeting of the volunteer forces of Brevard township was held and all present were given assignments by Overseer C. K. Osborne.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His allwise providence has taken from us our beloved Sovereign W. W. Zachary; and whereas, Sovereign Zachary was a loyal Woodman and faithful to all duties that were to the interest of the order. Therefore be it resolved:

First—That by the death of Sovereign Zachary Balsam Camp No. 116, W. O. W., realizes the loss of one of its most valuable members, that the county has lost one of its most worthy citizens, and the family an affectionate husband and loving father.

Second—That we, as members of Balsam Camp No. 116, hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in this their sad affliction.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our lodge, a copy sent the Sylvan Valley News for publication, and a copy sent the family of the deceased sovereign.

W. H. GROGAN, JR.,
CHURCH C. MORRIS,
LEWIS P. HAMLIN,
Committee

HUERTA MUST QUIT

President Huerta has been told he must resign the presidency of Mexico without loss of time and that he must not leave as his successor General Aureliano Blanquet, his minister of war, or any other member of his official family or of the unofficial coterie whom he might be expected to control. This ultimatum from Washington was conveyed to President Huerta through his private secretary, Senor Rabago, by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, acting under instructions from the state department.

Senor Rabago presented the memorandum to his chief late Sunday. President Huerta guarded its contents from almost all of his official and intimate counsellors for several days.

Those who learned of the Washington note regard General Huerta's position as one in which he will be forced to give one or two answers—refusal point blank to comply with the demand, possibly going so far as to hand the diplomatic representative his passports, or the elimination of himself officially.

Those most intimate with the president insist that the latter course will not be taken for many reasons, chief among which is that such action would be tantamount to submission to the rebels. Official Mexico is no longer in doubt that the Washington administration favors the rebel cause, and is convinced that this is the means adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to assist Carranza to win.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Although the board of aldermen remained in session until two o'clock Tuesday morning the minutes show that very little business was disposed of. The time was taken up by discussion of various questions brought to the attention of the board.

A number of citizens appeared before the board for the purpose of protesting against the street paving assessment. Statements of individual accounts have recently been mailed out by the city engineer and the property owners for the first time got an inkling of what to expect in the way of assessment, and consequently all were not pleased. A number of citizens and the board discussed various phases of the question at length, but that was all the action taken. The matter will be considered at a special meeting of the board next Monday night, when the citizens will be given a chance to air their grievances.

It was announced to the board that Mr. W. S. Ashworth is going to build a concrete sidewalk in front of his property near the depot and pay the entire cost of it himself. Mr. B. T. Egerton, living next door, also wants a concrete walk in front of his place, but did not feel able to bear the entire cost, and so proposed to the board that he would pay two-thirds of the cost if the town would bear the balance of the expense. This was discussed at length but no action was taken, the question not coming to a vote.

The usual amount of routine business came up and was disposed of, after which the board adjourned until Monday, November 10th.

MUST GET MUFFLERS

A number of automobilists of the town were brought before the mayor Tuesday morning by Chief of Police Singleton charged with running automobiles without mufflers, or cut-outs, contrary to the ordinances therein made and provided against the peace and dignity of the state. The men so charged submitted to the charge, whereupon the mayor let them go under a suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs. It is said that a number of mufflers have been ordered.

TEACHERS' MEETING

The third meeting of the teachers' association for the current school year took place at the Brevard graded school building last Saturday. The meeting was called to order by the president, Supt. T. C. Henderson, at 10 a. m., and was in session, excepting for noon recess, until 3 p. m. Most of the teachers were present during the day.

The opening exercises were conducted by the president, and consisted of Bible reading and prayer, after which the program of the meeting was taken up.

Mr. Arthur Raines, principal of Brevard graded school, continued the discussion begun at the last meeting of "Growing a Life," one of the books in the reading course for this year. This book is one of the most philosophical of any yet prescribed. Mr. Raines' handling of the subject was quite creditable to his powers as an expositor.

After this discussion the teachers were treated to a surprise. Each had been expecting to be called on to give an outline of studies in the different grades. They were now given paper and told to write out these outlines as for an examination.

Just before the close of the morning session Mr. Henderson presented certificates to four of the teachers who had finished the four-year course of the reading circle. These were Miss Sue Glazener, Miss Mary Rankin, Miss Cora Willson and Miss Hattie Aiken. Two others who had also finished the course, Miss Nannie Jordan and Mr. Z. A. Nicholson, were not present to receive the certificates.

In the afternoon Mr. A. J. Manly gave an account of a method he had used of securing interest in the preparation of lessons. His method was based on the principle of competition, which had had a revolutionary effect in his school.

Two model classes were conducted, one by Miss Edwards in English, the other by Miss Aiken in phonics and reading. Each had a class of children and gave demonstration of the methods of teaching these subjects.

Something new in the association work was a paper by Miss Blair of Brevard Institute on music, followed by the teaching of a rate song. The effect of this work on the teachers clearly showed its value for the school room.

Before adjournment, Mr. Henderson reminded the teachers of the governor's proclamation in regard to the good roads work for November 5th and 6th, and urged them to use one of the days as a holiday for the purpose of aiding the movement.

The association adjourned to meet again on December 3th and 6th.

WRECK AT GLOUCESTER

We are having some very cool weather.

We have a fine school; there are 180 pupils enrolled.

Mrs. P. C. Moore is very ill.

There was a wreck on the Gloucester railroad last Sunday. A jolly crowd was taking a ride on the lever car and it jumped off the track turning over and lighting on J. W. Haggerty and bruising him up considerably. He had to be carried home on a cot. J. H. Conner was also bruised. The remainder of the crowd escaped unhurt.

Mrs. L. V. Sigmon of Calvert was a visitor at Rosman Sunday.

McCall & Shipman, the market men, have moved in the store building recently completed by the Rosman Improvement company.

Mr. A. N. Collins is attending the federal court at Asheville this week.

The Betterment Association is going to have a box supper at the school house Saturday night, the proceeds to be used to improve the school grounds.

LITTLE BOY.