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## MILL TO BE ENLARGED

Messrs. Cleveland and Williams, owners of the Brevard Cotton Mills, have sold a one half interest mill to Mr. C. B. Skipper, of Charlotte, N. C., a man of thirty years experience in the mill business.

It is the purpose of the owners to increase the capacity of the mill, build more cottages for the additional employees that will be required, and otherwise improve the mill property.

Mr. Skipper will bring his family to Brevard and will take personal charge of the work here. There will be two thousand more spindles added to the present equipment, and ten cottages for the operatives will be built on the mill property.

The cotton mill property has recently been given a thorough cleaning and everything has been put in first class sanitary condition, making the mill village a very attractive place.

## ENFORCING SANITARY LAWS

The feature of the recorder's court at its last session was the lecture on sanitation given by Recorder Forsythe. Several defendants were in court charged with keeping their premises in an unsanitary condition, or not coming up to the requirements of the state laws in regard to out-houses, etc. Dr. C. W. Hunt, the county superintendent of health, has been very diligent in regard to the enforcement of the sanitary laws, and through his influence a number of citizens of this county have seen the error of their ways and will in future come up to the sanitary requirements.

Judge Forsythe made it plain that he was not inclined to punish first offenders for their neglect, that as the law was somewhat new the people have not had a clear understanding of the requirements. He instructed the county superintendent of health to furnish a copy of the health laws to all defendants so that they would know how to proceed in future. Judge Forsythe also called upon the good citizens of the county to join him and Dr. Hunt in a campaign of education to make this the most sanitary in the state.

The other business of the court came in the following order:

State vs. J. C. Allen, assault with a deadly weapon, \$5 and costs.

State vs. Weldon Moore, Dock Bryant, Eulys Merrell, Goodie Whitmore, Jim Henry, Nelson Kitchen, Philotus Moore, Hugh Love and Nathan Passmore, failure to provide sanitary closets, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. William Darby and the Brevard Cotton Mills, failure to provide sanitary closets, continued one week.

State vs. Simeon Chandler, abandonment, continued one week for lack of witnesses for the defense. Defendants to give \$200 bond.

State vs. Ben Frady, failure to provide sanitary closet, continued one week.

State vs. Ben Ingle and Lewis Ballard, assault with a deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Cleveland Hall and John Blythe, larceny, continued from time to time for the state, on account of witness being out of the county.

## SOME LOCAL VIEWS

The photographs of local scenes recently made by Mr. Herbert W. Pelton can be seen at the News office. In the lot are two street scenes, showing the paved streets in a very attractive manner; a birdseye view of the town; two views of the camp site selected by the Citadel Academy, and one of the best views of the French Broad river ever taken. Anyone desiring copies of any of these pictures can leave their order at the News office.

## TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The fourth meeting of the Transylvania Teachers' Association was held at the Brevard graded school building on Friday and Saturday of last week. In all there were nearly forty teachers in attendance, and several visitors were present during the meeting.

Friday morning the teachers, as they arrived from different points, visited the graded school and observed the work of the teachers there. The usual chapel exercises had been postponed until 10 o'clock in order to allow the visiting teachers to assemble with the school in the auditorium. Brief talks were made by the county superintendent and some of the teachers. After a recess the visitors again went from room to room while the pupils were at work.

When the association convened in the afternoon the superintendent called on many of the teachers for opinions resulting from the morning's visit. Some confined themselves to general comment, while others spoke particularly of the rooms visited and the kind of work carried on there. The criticism was universally favorable. Many spoke with commendation of the excellent order prevailing in all departments. Certain phases of the teaching and reciting were also dwelt upon, and in all cases with words of praise. Certainly this part of the program was calculated to inspire the pleasantest of feelings in the minds of the Brevard teachers.

Next on the program was a welcoming speech by Superintendent Henderson to the new chairman of the county board of education, Mr. T. H. Galloway. In response Mr. Galloway made a good talk to the teachers, calling on them for their co-operation in the work which the board has to do. He said that in the next general assembly of North Carolina a bill would probably be passed raising the salaries of teachers; but, on the other hand, he carefully pointed out the standard of qualification for teachers would also be raised. Mr. Galloway's speech was well prepared, and delivered with his usual force of expression and aptness of illustration. That he will make an efficient county chairman is confidently believed.

Rev. E. H. Norwood, who is now giving lessons in physical culture to some of the grades in the Brevard school, made a talk to the teachers on this important subject. He outlined a course which might be followed with profit, illustrating his directions by a series of movements which he recommended for their beneficial effects. He spoke with disapproval of the overheated condition of some school rooms, saying that it was best to err on the too cold side.

Miss Allie Cantrell of the Rosman school read a brief but excellent paper on the value of school exhibits.

Saturday's session was opened by Rev. R. D. Cross, who read and commented upon a passage from Timothy and led in prayer. His remarks were excellent and showed great sympathy with the teachers and understanding of their work.

The subject of seventh grade graduation was next taken up and discussed by a number of teachers. It was suggested by one that graduation might give the pupil the false idea, that his education was completed. This, however, was not the general opinion, which, so far as expressed, inclined to the belief that graduation should be insisted on and urged by the teachers.

Mr. Raines continued the discussion, begun two meetings before, of the reading circle book, "Growing a Life."

Reports of the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh were made by those who attended, J. R. Sloan and Noah Miller. Superintendent Henderson, who attended the meeting of county superintendents and a part of the assembly, also had something to say in this connection.

Miss Nannie Jordan, who also attended the assembly, was absent during these reports. Mr. Sloan protested with feeling against the universal topic of discussion at the meeting of high school principals—agriculture. But Mr. Miller defended the idea, saying that for ages the school curriculum had been preparing students to enter such professions as law, medicine, etc., while by far the greatest percent of them never entered those professions.

At a meeting of the county Betterment Association Miss Georgia Bell was elected president, Miss Hattie Aiken vice-president, and Miss Nannie Jordan re-elected secretary and treasurer.

One of the pleasantest parts of the association's meeting was the evening with Robert Louis Stevenson Friday night. Beside the teachers a number of visitors were present. The program consisted of selections from Stevenson's poems, read or recited, and both instrumental and vocal music. After the program was an informal reception, which was much enjoyed by all present.

## PARCEL POST CHANGES

Important changes in parcel post regulations, including general reduction in rates and increase in maximum weights, were approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, sitting in Washington, last Saturday. The revisions were made upon the recommendation of Postmaster General Burleson. The changes, for the most part, are to take effect on January 1, just one year from the inauguration of this important department of the postal department. The changes made will allow books to be mailed under the parcel post system; weight limits are increased in the first and second zones from twenty to fifty pounds, and in all zones beyond the second from eleven to twenty pounds, and rates are reduced in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones.

The changes that are to take effect on January 1st are as follows:

To reduce the rates for the third zone from seven cents for the first pound and five cents for each additional pound to six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fourth zone from eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from nine cents for the first pound and seven cents for each additional pound to eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth zone from ten cents for the first pound and nine cents for each additional pound to nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound.

"We can conceive of no opposition to the increased weights," says a statement by the commission, "except from the carriers that transport the mails. We have heard some objections by them on the ground that the increased weight should not be permitted until provision for additional compensation to the carriers has been made.

It is provided by the Postmaster General, with the consent of the commission, "that the rate of postage on parcels containing books weighing eight ounces or less shall be one cent for each two ounces or fractional part thereof, and on those weighing in excess of eight ounces the zone parcel rates shall apply." This provision will not take effect until March 16, 1914, however.

We suppose Judge Carter was right when he said there was not a judge in North Carolina that would send a man of means to the roads, "seein' as 'ow" he failed to do it himself when he had a chance.

## FRENCH BROAD SUMMER CAMP

"The French Broad Summer Camp" is the name given by the officers of the Citadel Military Academy of Charleston, S. C., to the summer school and camp that will be opened near Wilson's Bridge, just one mile from Brevard, next summer. The question of a name has been under consideration by the promoters of the school ever since their decision as to a location was made. At the time of their last visit to Brevard they stated that they were undecided whether to call the camp by the name finally selected or "Camp Transylvania."

The deeds from the various owners of the property selected for the camp site were fixed up and filed for registration in the office of the register of deeds last week. The work of clearing off the grounds and smoothing the rough places will begin in a very short time. The permanent buildings will be erected during the early spring months, and it is expected that everything will be in readiness by the time for the opening of the camp in June.

The promoters of this camp school, Capt. H. E. Raines, Capt. John W. Moore, Prof. A. L. Hodges and Prof. L. S. LeTrellier, expect to open the first year with about seventy-five or one hundred boys, gradually making provision for a larger number as the seasons come. The value of the location of this school in Brevard will be very great. The town and county has already been repaid for the effort made in securing the school in the vast amount of advertising given us in connection with the location selected.

In addition to the many bouquets handed around at the recent banquet of the Brevard Club, the school men have recently sent Col. S. H. Cohen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, another fragrant bunch of flowers, as follows:

"We wish to express to you our appreciation of your invaluable services to us in our efforts to find an ideal site for our summer camp for boys. We are frank enough to say that had it not been for your continued interest and kindness, and your untiring efforts in bringing to our attention locations that you thought might serve our purpose, we probably should have located elsewhere than in Western North Carolina. When we first went into your midst seeking a site we had not decided whether we would locate in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia or West Virginia, and it was your constant and courteous attention to our wants, as much as the incomparable beauty of the country, that was the determining factor in our decision in favor of North Carolina. We trust that our enterprise may contribute something toward the development of the section you represent, and are quite sure that it will if you will only come around occasionally and give us the benefit of the spirit and enthusiasm that is yours, and that we hope may become ours."

## INSTITUTE NOTES

While there have been many informal affairs at the Institute during the fall, the first real program of the season was given by the Taylor society (the boys' club) on last Saturday night. The program consisted of songs, declamations, a debate, "Resolved, That women should have the right of suffrage," Messrs. Parker and Mills taking the affirmative, and Messrs. Wilson and Matthews the negative, and a play, "A Yankee Stratagem."

The play was very laughable and was very cleverly performed, the boys who personified female characters being especially funny. In the debate the affirmative won. At the close of the program light refreshments were served.

## BARN DESTROYED

Fire originating from some unknown source late Wednesday evening totally destroyed the big barn on Apple Tree street, together with a number of hogs which were confined in a lot adjoining.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by rats finding a match which had been dropped at some time. When the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that it was impossible to check the flames. The firemen responded to the alarm, however, and succeeded in saving a large amount of corn.

The barn belonged to Mrs. W. W. Zachary, but has been rented to Messrs. J. A. Galloway and his son Coleman for a number of years. The contents, several hundred bushels of corn, a large amount of fodder and over a hundred dollars worth of fertilizer, all belonged to Messrs. Galloway. Their loss will probably amount to two or three hundred dollars. Six fat porkers were also burned to death, they being unable to escape from the small lot adjoining the barn.

Mr. J. A. Galloway and his son, Coleman, wish to extend their thanks to the firemen and others who rendered assistance in trying to save the contents of the barn.

## DOINGS AT ROSMAN

Rev. C. M. Carpenter preached an excellent sermon Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Owen died last week. The bereaved parents have our sympathy.

Mr. R. A. Collins of Lake Toxaway has bought a lot from Johnny Whitmore and is building a house on it.

Dr. Chas. E. Lyday is building a nice residence on his lot just below Paxton's drug store. Lookout, girls, he will want a helpmeet when he gets his house complete.

Mr. G. H. Paxton went to Brevard Monday night. Guess there is some attraction down there.

Mr. L. M. Glazener lost a fine young cow last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Garren have got over the Florida fever and have gone back to Brevard.

Mr. M. J. Glazener's house on Main street is nearing completion, and it looks up-to-now.

Mr. W. P. Fullbright has bought four mules and has gone into the lumber industry—that is hauling lumber for Mr. Cook from Old Toxaway.

Christmas will soon be here, then we will all have a big time.

LITTLE BOY.

## ROSMAN NEWS

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give a Christmas bazaar at the school house December 19th. at seven-thirty o'clock. Fancy articles, cakes, candies etc., will be on sale. "A Family Affair," a comedy in three acts, will be given by the Rosman School.

There was no school on Friday of last week as the teachers were attending the teachers meeting at Brevard.

Mrs. W. W. Whiteside and sons, masters Elbert and Lynn spent Saturday of last week in Brevard.

Rev. C. M. Carpenter returned from Charlotte last week where he had been attending the annual conference of the M. E. church South. We are very happy indeed that he has been sent back to us for another year. This was clearly proved by the heavy pounding which the family received Tuesday night.

Mr. R. F. Glazener spent the day in Asheville last Sunday.

Misses. Cantrell and Henderson, Messrs. Sloan and Paxton attended one of the numbers of the lyceum course at Brevard Monday night.

Mrs. Elbert Smith and Charles Hague were Brevard visitors Monday.

MARY JANE.