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## TO DREDGE FRENCH BROAD

Congressman Gudger has introduced a bill in congress appropriating \$20,000 for the purpose of clearing the French Broad river bed and blasting out Buck Shoals. It is believed that if this work is done it will be of great benefit to the farmers along the river in that it will more effectually drain their land and prevent the river over flowing its banks.

A number of years ago an appropriation was made for the purpose of building jetties along the river in an effort to confine the river to its course, but instead of being a help these have proven a detriment in that they prevent the free flow of the river.

Following is a full text of the bill as introduced by Mr. Gudger:

"A bill providing for the improvement of the French Broad river in North Carolina.

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That \$20,000 be appropriated to lower Buck Shoals, in the French Broad River in North Carolina, by blasting out a channel or by other proper engineering projects and removing the obstructions heretofore placed in the river by the United States government, and to take such other steps as may be necessary at that point to drain the lands located between the points of Asheville and Brevard, North Carolina."

## COME ACROSS

On March 18th the new house and home of Waverly Morris at Pisgah Forest was totally destroyed by fire. Every piece of furnishing, food and clothing (except what the family were wearing) perished in the flames. Mr. Morris had just got his new house ready to live in and there was no insurance.

Now what are we neighbors going to do about it? If we put our minds and hearts "with one accord to the work" we can send in to him and his family of wife, five sons and two daughters, food, clothing and furniture enough that they can "camp out" until the money which we may contribute will enable him to get another house sheltered on his same foundations.

Let us be Samaritan neighbors and not "pass by on the other side."

Yours for the work,  
T. L. GASH.

## BROTHER MOORE

On Monday evening, March 2, 1914, it pleased our Lord in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself in realms of eternal peace above, the soul of Brother George Houston Moore, who had lived eighty years, three months and fourteen days when the summons came to him to meet his blessed Lord. Brother Moore professed faith in Christ when about twenty years old and joined the Little River Baptist church. In 1877 he moved his membership to Mount Moriah Baptist church, and was also first secretary of the church. On March 18, 1883, he was ordained as deacon and served the church faithfully until his death. Brother Moore did a great deal in upbuilding the church. His favorite song was "Deliverance Will Come," having the faith of Moses when journeying to reach the Promised Land. Therefore be it resolved by the Mount Moriah Baptist church, Calvert, N. C.:

First—That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. "For the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Second—That while the church realizes that it has lost one of its best members and oldest deacons, still we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be put on the church record, a copy sent to the Biblical Recorder and the Sylvan Valley News for publication, and a copy sent to his devoted wife.

J. W. GLAZENER,  
R. L. HOGSED,  
A. M. GILLESPIE,

## LOOK BEFORE LEAPING

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

In your last issue will be seen the initial step made by the county board of education for the purpose of "toning up and advancing the whole county school system." The plan suggested to do this is to unify the system of taxation. The object is praiseworthy and the plan, if it could accomplish the end sought, would not be objectionable. But the election ordered is to be held under chapter seventy-one of the public laws of 1911, add this chapter involves a great deal more than uniformity of taxation, and will therefore defeat the object sought.

The real proposition submitted to the voters is a very modest and genteel invitation to abandon local self-government and rely upon the superior wisdom of a centralized board of management. Under the present regime the taxpayer, having seized the opportunity and assumed the responsibility and burdened himself with a self-imposed tax to aid the state to better and more thoroughly educate his children, pays the money directly for the specific purpose and exercises a direct influence upon its disbursement. Under the proposed centralized management he loses largely his opportunity, attempts to shirk his responsibility, but retains his burden of taxation; so the proposition when properly analyzed resolves itself into a question of management, and who are the better managers? If the election should fail to carry the county each and every township voting an affirmative majority completely transfers its local management to the board of education forever—a tacit, but, I opine, an unconscious acknowledgment that local self-government is a failure.

Now if a uniform system of tax rate is the only thing sought, that could be obtained with far less expense by inducing a few tax districts to increase and another few to lower their respective rates. But it is desirable to have a system that will apply to the whole county. It has been but about eight years since the erection of the first special tax district; now there are eighteen. In less than eight more years special tax districts will cover the county "as the waters cover the mighty deep." Greed and ignorance cannot withstand the clamors of children thirsting for an education. It will come; pray, gentlemen of the board, for the grace of patience. When it does come the process of "toning up" will be more rapid and solid than on the line proposed. A system, administered by a central board but aided by executive agents in the form of unsalaried committeemen in all districts, who feel themselves official factors in this toning up work, will be far more efficient than when operated by four men in an office at Brevard. Boys at school do better when given something to do. Their fathers are made of the same stuff. Let them have something to do rather than to admire what is done.

Again, should this chapter seventy-one be voted into law there will be as much necessity of a uniform system of disbursement as of the levying of the tax. No provision is made for this in the act voted upon. The presumption is the board must fall back upon the general school law—then our teachers will get forty dollars per month. It may be possible, however, that law can be found allowing the board to use this county fund to supplement salaries, as is the case now in special districts; if so that will not obviate the necessity of a uniform system for the payment of teachers. There must needs be a limit or some districts will appear extravagant in securing the teacher of their choice. Some districts will want a hundred dollar teacher. Will the board give it?—then all the districts and all the teachers will demand the limit. Can the board afford to say that district "A" is entitled to one hundred dollars but "B" can get but forty? There must be absolute uniformity or inevitable friction.

When these special tax districts shall have transferred their local funds to the county board as proposed and thereafter should desire to improve their grounds, houses, furniture or comforts, they must petition, and if the amount does not exceed the limit or pro rata, they will obtain the funds and accomplish the purpose. Under the present organization things desired are obtained without red tape.

Your correspondent has confined himself to the provisions of chapter seventy-one of the school law, and if his premises are wrong, of course his conclusions are wrong, and when convinced of error he promises the necessary retraction or modification. He would advise the voters to pay no regard to riders or chromos emanating as they may, or may not, from high authority as to the central high school at Brevard, which is to develop into a farm life school, which, in the latter feature, is an absurdity and should not have appeared in such close proximity with the question at issue.

J. M. HAMLIN.

## LYCEUM COURSE

Miss Hattie Jane Dunaway, who will meet the lyceum patrons at the Auditorium Friday evening, March 20th, is by far the most expensive single entertainer who has appeared in the course this year, and her salary is evidently proportional to her artistic value. Our community is fortunate in having with us one who has visited so many places which are so much larger, for she has engagements during this tour at the University of South Carolina, the University of North Carolina, and a number of our other large and influential colleges. She is recognized as an eloquentist of very high rank, and any community where the school children take an interest in platform appearances as do the pupils of both of our schools, is very fortunate that they can have the advantage of using so expert an eloquentist as a model. If the evening is pleasant, Miss Dunaway should, by all means, be greeted by the largest audience which has attended any number in the present course.

## "YOUR GOWN'S TORN"

Albert, King of the Belgians, on seeing a woman at a court ball recently wearing a slit skirt, whispered to the court marshal, who thereupon offered his arm to the lady in most deferential manner and escorted her from the ballroom. When they arrived outside the court the marshal said:

"His Majesty noticed that your gown was torn on one side and asked me to escort you to your carriage so that you can go home and get the damage repaired."—New York Sun.

Mr. B. P. Woodside of Greenville, S. C., was a business visitor to Brevard this week.

## The Forty Year Test.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by S. M. Macfie. adv

## EXECUTORS NOTICE

Having qualified as executors of the will of the late Mary A. Orr, deceased, of Transylvania county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said Mary A. Orr, deceased, to present same to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 16th day of March, 1914, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted in any way to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

A. K. ORR,  
CHAS. E. ORR,  
Executors of the will of Mary A. Orr,  
deceased.  
March 16th, 1914. 3-20-61-ec

## GOOD ROADS MAP

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

It has been my ambition and hope ever since the formation of the Greater Western North Carolina Association that our Association would be one of the factors in securing better roads for Western North Carolina.

My several reports have each contained recommendations in regard to the improvement of our roads and I have urged in nearly every speech that I have made that we bend our energies to bettering our transportation facilities.

It was therefore with great satisfaction to me that the Association at its last meeting, on February 23rd, appropriated \$250.00 and to which sum the Southern Railway through Mr. Hardwick immediately added a like amount, and further agreed to duplicate any amount secured for the purpose of procuring a road map of seven counties in the Association.

While the securing of this road map does not mean the immediate improvement of our roads, still it is a long stride in the right direction and it will be a great advertisement for this section with the great number of people all over the country who take their vacations on automobile tours.

The greatest advantage, however, will be reaped by the farmer and the local business man, as it will not only direct the attention of tourists to this section but it will also call attention to the good roads and the bad roads, and the local pride of each and every locality will be aroused and a great interest taken in the upkeep of the public roads.

The present prospect of Federal aid for post roads will also be of great help and when acted up by the powerful aid of our "Good Roads Governor," Locke Craig, I believe that we are about to enter on an era of good roads for this section that will result in opening up this county to the investor and in bringing in a large amount of capital that is only awaiting the indication of that "Good Roads Spirit" that is so essential to every progressive and growing community.

It has been my privilege to travel over a large section of Eastern Tennessee, located in the mountains just as we are, and I have not only observed personally, but I have had the best men of the various communities call my attention to the good roads they have and the great benefit the various sections have derived from the same. Prosperity has come to them, farms that were of little value have become valuable, men who were living from hand to mouth have been made prosperous, and while many were opposed before the good roads were built, I found that after said roads were in operation that every one became not only friends but enthusiasts of good roads. The many benefits derived from good roads makes every thinking man who has property, strong friends of a good roads movement.

I therefore hope every aid will be given in starting this great movement in this section, for it is all that is now needed to bring to us a period of prosperity that has never been equalled in this county.

W. E. BREESE, JR.

## CUT COST OF LIVING

L. C. Phillips will plant 1,000 acres of his southeast Missouri land in sunflowers this year as a further demonstration that this plant can be cultivated with profit on land where other crops may not thrive so well. Phillips, who owns approximately 4,500 acres, half of which is in cultivation, has been experimenting for several years in the culture of sunflowers, whose seed, when mixed with other seed, makes excellent chicken and hog feed.

Last year following the flood he planted nearly 100 acres in sunflowers. The cost of planting harvesting is about \$6 an acre, he says, and the returns from \$35 to \$48.

## CEDAR MOUNTAIN NOTES

As we have not seen anything from this part of the county for some time we thought we would try and give you a few items from our little town.

The carpenters have been taking advantage of the unusually fine weather for the past several days by beginning a number of new buildings. We are expecting to see a saw mill locate here in the near future.

Mr. Lonnie Bishop is visiting friends and relatives in Greenville, S. C.

Messrs. Asa Hooker and Horace McCrary seemed to be having some good sport driving their young mules the other day.

We have plenty of good fresh air, good water and hog and hominy up here. All we want to make us happy is a railroad from Greenville to Brevard by way of Cedar Mountain. We hope to see it some good old day before long.

With best wishes to the Sylvan Valley News and its readers,

PRETTY BOY.

(We would be very glad to hear from you every week, Pretty Boy. —Editor News.)

## FRUITLAND NEWS

Old Man Winter seems to have gone on a vacation and we trust he will postpone his return for a long time. Everything is moving along nicely and with great success.

We had the rare privilege of listening to an address from Dr. A. E. Brown last Sunday afternoon. His subject was "Making Men."

Monday marked the beginning of the work on the new building. Men and teams are busy removing the top of the hill in front of the old building. We hope to be able to lay the corner stone during commencement week.

The many friends of Prof. Melton will be interested to learn that he is making great progress in his studies, and also that he is the father of a fine boy. Mr. Melton will be in charge of the school here next year.

The base ball teams are preparing to play several games with the teams from other places this spring and the "fans" are looking forward to a good time.

BILL WRAY.

## MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

As announced in the News a short time ago, missionary institutes will be held at the following places:

Rosman, Sunday and Monday, March 22 and 23.

Enon, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and 25.

Little River, Thursday, March 26.

From Friday until Sunday of the same week the institutes will be combined with the fifth Sunday meeting at the Brevard Baptist church. At all these places there will be three services each day, morning, afternoon and night, and the local committees are requested to make necessary preparation for the meetings.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and Rev. C. A. Upchurch will be present and assist in the various meetings, and it is earnestly hoped that there will be large gatherings of the people present at each and every meeting.

## BOYLESTON NEWS

The weather for the past few days has been very pleasant. We hope the winter is over.

Miss Geneva Orr, who has been staying at Pisgah Forest for some time, is now spending some time at home.

Weldon English made a business trip to Hendersonville last Friday. Capt. C. T. Rankin passed through this section last Tuesday.

W. S. Allison went to Hendersonville last week to visit his daughter Ellen, who is very ill at that place.

BOBOLINK.