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BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Brevard Building and Loan Association held its annual meeting in the court house last Monday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of stockholders either in person or by proxy.

The report of the secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. M. Verdery, Jr., showed that the association was in a very prosperous condition, and that during the past year had been of great service to many Brevard real estate owners, and had contributed largely to the present prosperity of the town. The report will be found in full in another column in this issue.

Possibly the most important action of the meeting was the election of an assistant secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. L. English being elected to assist Mr. Verdery. In future Mr. English will receive and receipt for all dues at his office. Another change was made in the addition of one other director, the board now being eight instead of seven. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Chas. E. Orr, J. W. McMinn, Thos. H. Shipman, C. M. Cooke, Jr., J. A. Miller, Jr., Dr. Goode Cheatham, C. C. Yongue and R. S. Morgan.

The directors elected the following officers: Thos. H. Shipman, president; Dr. Goode Cheatham, vice-president; A. M. Verdery, secretary-treasurer; D. L. English, assistant secretary-treasurer; R. L. Gash, attorney; J. A. Miller, Jr., C. C. Yongue and R. S. Morgan were appointed as a committee to audit the books of the association.

MR. WEILT'S NEW STORE

Although not nearly all the goods and fixtures for Mr. W. P. Weilt's new ladies' furnishing store have arrived, the store presents a very attractive appearance and adds much to the town.

It had been Mr. Weilt's idea to have a formal opening at his new store, but he was disappointed in the arrival of so many shipments of goods and fixtures he had to give up the idea and begin business with what had arrived. However this made a good display, comprising thousands of dollars worth of ladies ready to wear goods, etc.

The new store is finished in a most attractive manner, the furniture all being the very best. In this store will be kept everything that a lady can want, and when everything arrives there will be nothing lacking to fill their wants.

Mr. Weilt has shown in a very emphatic manner that he believes in the future prosperity of the town, and the ladies of the town will doubtless justify his belief.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HELPS

In some places in North Carolina the undertakers, doctors and midwives are not reporting births and deaths. They do not seem to know that the new vital statistics law means business. In several of the counties the death and birth rates, according to the first month's reports, are so low that they are absurd.

For instance, the returns from Robeson county for January show an annual death rate of only three per 1,000, whereas, from the death rate elsewhere, it would seem that it should be at least twenty-four per 1,000. Word has been sent to all the undertakers, doctors and midwives in Robeson county, and other counties in the same plight, that two weeks will be given them to report all unreported births and deaths, after which a thorough official investigation will be made by the state board of health for unreported births and deaths, and that when such are found, prosecution will be made at once.

The attorney general has been consulted on this matter, and he is heartily in accord with the new law. He wants it enforced to the letter. He has asked that all the data for the first half dozen prosecutions be laid before him, so that he can give them his full attention. After that he will act as general consultant in such work whenever needed.

THE SCHOOL LAW

An act to authorize any county in North Carolina to vote upon the levying and collection of a special tax on property and polls to supplement the county school fund of said county.

The general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the county commissioners of any county, upon the petition of the county board of education of said county, may order an election to be held in said county to ascertain the will of the people whether there shall be levied on all taxable property and polls of said county a special tax, not to exceed thirty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and ninety cents on each poll, to supplement the county school fund of said county.

Sec. 2. That said election shall be conducted for the county as nearly as may be under the same rules and regulations governing district special school tax elections, as set out in section four thousand one hundred and fifteen of The Revisal of one thousand nine hundred and five of North Carolina.

Sec. 3. That in case a majority of the qualified voters at said election shall vote in favor of said tax, the same shall be annually levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the county are levied and collected.

Sec. 4. That in case a majority of the qualified voters at said election in any township of said county shall vote for said special tax, the same shall be annually levied and collected in said township in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected, and used to supplement the school fund of said township.

Sec. 5. That in case a majority of the qualified voters at said election in any township or in the entire county shall vote in favor of said special tax, on petition of a majority of the members of the board of trustees or the school committee of any existing special tax district within said township or county so voting, the county commissioners shall reduce the annual special local tax levy of said district by an amount not exceeding the special levy provided for the county or township under this act.

Sec. 6. That in case a majority of the qualified voters at said election in any county shall fail to vote for said special tax, on petition of a majority of the members of the county board of education of said county, the county commissioners may, after thirty days notice, order an election for the same purpose and under the same regulations as the first election herein provided for in any or all of the townships of said county that shall have failed to carry said special tax in the former election.

Sec. 7. That the expense of holding said election shall be paid out of the county school fund of said county.

Sec. 8. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 3d day of March, A. D. 1911.

CARD OF THANKS

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Will you kindly permit us through the medium of your paper to express to the friends who so promptly and liberally came to our help when we had lost our home and almost everything we had by fire, our keen appreciation of and warm thanks for their many and great kindnesses to us. Not only was the money and the many useful things they sent in to us a great help materially, but the warm-hearted way in which so many reached out helping hands to us cheered us up and put heart in us to make a new beginning and try to retrieve our ruined fortunes.

WAVERLY MORRIS AND FAMILY.

A BREVARD ENTERPRISE

Miss Annie Gash recently donated to Brevard Institute a very beautiful book which was published last summer. It is entitled "The Carolina Mountains." The author is Miss Margaret W. Morley, and the book is published by the Houghton Mifflin Company. The book is purely descriptive, and has nothing that touches on fiction to give it charm, but is a perfectly fascinating book from the beautifully tinted water color reproduction on the front cover to the large map of the Carolina Mountains on the inside back cover. It treats of people and the scenery which we know and love so well in a thoroughly kindly and appreciative spirit and with a true artist's insight.

It is particularly interesting to Brevard people because of a paragraph in the chapter on "Church and School," where there is a thoroughly sympathetic description of Brevard Institute as an illustration of the nature of the schools of the mountains. No other school is described in particular or by name, and these paragraphs alone show the keenness of the observation and the conciseness of diction which are both so characteristic of the entire book. It is doubtful if the English language could express in so few words the purpose and plan of the Institute any better than these few lines which are herewith quoted.

"Perhaps no better illustration of the struggles and conquests of these workers can be given than that of Brevard Institute, near Brevard, in the French Broad Valley. This school, started in 1895, through the self-sacrificing efforts of one man has struggled on, kept alive mainly by that internal heat which alone gives any institution real growth-power. Today it enrolls nearly two hundred pupils, most of them girls, as the department for young men is not yet fully developed. Here come young people from all parts of the mountains and for a price within their means receive home, education, and training in the practical things of life. That the spirit in which the school was founded yet persists is felt the moment one enters its doors, when one becomes aware of such an atmosphere of love and helpfulness, from the principal down to the youngest pupil, that it is a pleasure to go there and bask in the warmth of it. Not that, even today, the equipment is anything like adequate to the needs, but the results prove that the poorest tools in loving hands can accomplish much.

"Besides the ordinary academic subjects and special religious training, the pupils are here taught a dread of debt, promptness in attending to business obligations of every sort, a love for thoroughness and accuracy in doing work of every sort, self-control in the expenditure of money, and a knowledge of simple business transactions. There is a business course, a department of music, one of domestic art where is taught dressmaking, millinery, and lacemaking, and a department of domestic science where the subjects taught are housework, cookery, laundry, and mending. In the normal department, it is the intention to show young teachers how manual training, sand tables, dramatization, phonics, and so forth, can be introduced and profitably used even where there is no equipment? Thus young people are prepared to go home to the little mountain schools and there spread abroad the information and the ideal they have themselves received, as well as to go if they are so inclined, into the world of action now opening below and in the mountains, and whose demands for helpers in all departments is in excess of a competent supply. Brevard Institute is but one among a number of industrial schools that are doing their part, against all sorts of difficulties, to help on the transformation that is so rapidly taking place in the Southern mountains."

THE LADY OF THE DECORATION

The lyceum attraction at the Auditorium last Friday night proved to be one of the very best of the course, and, according to some who were present, the best that ever came to town. Miss Hattie Jane Dunaway, a delightful reader, gave a symposium of readings from that delightful little book of Frances Little's, "The Lady of the Decoration," and by giving the various scenes, dressed in different costumes as the text of the story would indicate, she brought laughter or tears, bringing to the audience the various impressions experienced by the foreign missionary—"the widow who was not sorry."

The only unpleasant thing was the conduct of a few boys near the door, who persisted in talking in a manner that interfered with the speaker so much that at last she had to administer a rather severe rebuke. It is to be regretted that such things as this become necessary, especially so when the entertainment was of so high an order.

The lyceum course this year has been a success, and the patrons are delighted with the attractions furnished. At the end of the season there will doubtless be a small balance which will be applied to the course for next year.

PISGAH FOREST

Miss Minnie Carr, a student of St. Genevieve's College, Asheville, spent Sunday here.

Miss Alma Spanner of Asheville spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Croushorn.

Mr. J. S. Hickok, purchasing agent of the National Casket Company, was calling on Carr Lumber Company the latter part of last week.

Mr. Sam Carr and his cousin, John Priney, left for New York the latter part of last week. From there they will sail for Europe.

The number of young men was increased here on the first part of last week when Mr. E. D. Hallenberg from Lotisville, Ky., took up citizenship here for an indefinite time. We welcome Mr. Hallenberg to our village.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church are taking great part in helping the Morris family who lost everything by fire last week.

We are glad to see our new station going up. We will soon be able to wait for the train in the regular Southern style, that is by having two waiting rooms.

Mr. Louis Carr is spending a few days at his operations at Forney this week.

Mr. Roy Dindinger of Pittsburg, Pa., who is here learning the lumber business, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in Asheville, returning Monday.

Mr. C. H. Hobbs, of the Carr Lumber Company, returned Monday from Asheville, where he had been on business.

Mr. Joseph Chilton of Asheville was shaking hands with his friends here this week.

Mr. Henry Brown, of the Brown-Patton Company of this place, who has been in Baltimore the past ten days purchasing their spring line of dry goods and notions, returned Monday.

Mr. Robert H. Lockaby of Hendersonville, our genial telegraph operator, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. A. E. Jones, who has been employed by the Carr Lumber Company for the past four months, returned to his home in Tellico Plains, Tenn., Friday.

PENOCIA.

Chamberlain's Tablets for Constipation.

For constipation, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Easy to take, mild and gentle in effect. Give them a trial. For sale by S. M. Macfie. adv

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The county commencement for the elementary public schools of Transylvania county will be held at Brevard next Friday, April 3. It is hoped that every school in the county will be represented by the teacher and a large per cent. of the pupils, and that all the committee-men and a large number of the other patrons of the schools will be present.

There will be contests in declamation, recitation, spelling and field sports. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in all these contests. Certificates, or elementary school diplomas, will be granted to the pupils who, during the past term, have finished all the subjects required in the seventh grade and thereby completed the elementary course of study for the public schools of the county.

The addresses of the day will be delivered by Prof. N. W. Walker of the State University and Prof. A. C. Reynolds, principal of the Cullowhee Normal school.

Everybody in the county is invited to be present at these commencement exercises.

ROSMAN COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the Rosman high school will be held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 29, 30 and 31. On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Rev. W. M. Robbins will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the school house.

On Monday night, beginning at eight o'clock, a recitation contest will be held to determine which girl from the seventh grade shall represent the Rosman school in the contest at Brevard on April 3.

On Tuesday night, beginning at the same hour, students of the school will present "The Dear Boy Graduates." The public is cordially invited to be present at all the exercises.

MRS. ELZIE B. COX

Mrs. Augusta Trammell Cox died in Seattle, Wash., February 22nd, 1914. Mrs. Cox was a native of South Carolina, and her home was Marietta. She was married to Mr. Elzie Cox on January 22nd, 1913.

They immediately moved to Seattle, Wash., in which city Mr. Cox had started into a nice business. Everything seemed bright and hopeful. Soon after coming to Seattle, Mrs. Cox was taken ill, but no one thought the illness of a serious nature. Developments seemed to indicate that no cure was possible, since the best physicians and nurses could give no hope. On the 22nd of February, 1914, she was released from her suffering.

Mrs. Cox leaves behind her a husband, a mother, four brothers, and one sister. She also leaves many friends who will mourn her loss. Mr. Cox took the body of his wife to South Carolina for interment where in the midst of her many friends divine services were held, and she was laid to rest in the dear state of her nativity. Mrs. Cox was a beautiful, cultured woman. She was a dear daughter, a sweet sister, and a most affectionate and precious wife. Though her residence in Seattle was brief, she made many friends, and she was gathering about her a circle of charming associates. Mrs. Cox was a devoted Christian, and in life as well as in death her trust was complete. Of course loved ones and friends will miss her, but let us remember that she has gained heaven, with all its bliss and love.

May there be comfort to the hearts made lonely by the vacant place, and the spirits made sad by her going.

Mrs. Cox has left in Seattle, as well as in Marietta, South Carolina, many hearts made lonely because she is gone from us.

"Not now, but in the coming years, It may be in the better land; We'll read the meaning of our tears, And there—up there we'll understand." HER PASTOR.