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REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING

As the general election is now not quite three weeks ahead, and as the registration books close on Saturday, October 24, it is important for all who need to register to attend to the matter at once.

There will not be any new registration, but a number of new names will have to be enrolled.

All male citizens twenty-one years or over, who have been residents of the state for two years, of the county for six months, and of the township four months prior to the date of election, and who have paid poll tax on or before May 1, 1914, are entitled to vote, if they have registered.

Those requiring registration are all who have become of age since the last election, or who have moved into the county from other counties of this state and have been here for six months. If a person has moved from one township to another in the county four months before the election he must register in the township to which he has removed; but if he has been in the new township less than four months before said election, he must vote in the township from which he removed.

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS

The business done in the post office during the quarter which ended September 30th was greater than that of the corresponding quarter of last year, though September's sales of 1913 were in excess of those for the same month this year.

The sale of stamps for September, 1913, amounted to \$675.09; for September, 1914, \$573.45; for the quarter ending September 30, 1913, \$2001.23; for the same quarter, 1914, \$2196.14. In 1912 the sales for the quarter were \$1876.18.

A TRIP TO THE COUNTY HOME

Mr. Henry Carrier took a party of friends who are interested in the county home to visit that institution on Monday afternoon in his big yellow car. Some window shades were tacked up to the windows and investigation made as to the possibility of installing a cook stove.

It was thought that there were only four inmates of the county home at this time, but as one of the brethren's hammer pounded on the casings other inhabitants revealed themselves, but they were not invited to partake of the refreshments the party had provided. The leave-taking was very touching; as the ladies of the party were embraced there was scarcely a dry eye. Let us hope that the present home will soon be sold and a new one built nearer town so that our towns-people may be able to visit more often.

REVIVAL SERVICES

A revival meeting has been in progress at the Methodist church since last Sunday. A departure was made from the usual custom by having the services at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. W. M. Biles of Newton arrived Monday evening and preached that night. His first sermon was on "Bringing Others to Jesus," taken from the story of the paralytic borne on his bed by four companions to Christ for healing. Tuesday night Mr. Biles preached from the text, "Behold what a great matter a little fire kindleth." In this sermon he likened sin to fire, showing by comparison its attractiveness, its disrespect of persons, its contagiousness, and its expensiveness, and pointed to the only insurance from its destructiveness.

Mr. Biles is a very pleasant and at the same time earnest speaker. His thoughts are logical and convincing, his appeals full of force and feeling. The presentation of his subjects is very simple, but the thought is strong enough for the maturest minds.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The public school teachers of the county had their association meeting on Friday and Saturday of last week at the graded school building. Friday's meeting began at 10 o'clock a. m. and continued until after 3 p. m. with a dinner recess at noon. The program for both days was carried out almost without deviation from the work outlined by the committee.

The opening exercises on Friday morning were led by Miss Georgia Bell of the Brevard school. She made a few introductory remarks on the importance of devotional exercises in school, urging the teaching of memory verses and the commandments, of which so many are ignorant. She then took as a Scripture lesson the Parable of the Talents.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Julia Deaver, and the roll was called.

The teachers then left the room in which they had assembled and went into the primary room, where Miss Montgomery had a class in primary reading. The room, which was formerly used as the auditorium, had been changed into a primary room in order to accommodate the large number of pupils in that department. All the visitors were impressed with the suitability of the room for its present use, and much admiration was expressed over what had been done to make it attractive to children.

Friday being a holiday with the children, there were only about twenty in this primary class. Before the lesson there was a brief calisthenic drill. The subject of the reading lesson was "The Butterfly." Several of the children first gave the story of the lesson in their own words. Then followed a period of word study, in which words used in the lesson were carefully spelled and then commented on by both teacher and pupils.

After this preparation the children read from their books, and when several had read, questions on the lesson were asked by the teacher. The work of this model class was carried out very systematically and at the same time with great interest on the part of the pupils. While the order of the children was perfect, they acted and spoke apparently without restraint or embarrassment.

On returning to the teachers' room, Superintendent Henderson made a few announcements as to reading circle requirements. The reading course for this year includes two books, Phelps and His Teachers, and The Teaching of Geography in the Elementary Schools, and one school journal, preferably North Carolina Education.

The County Betterment Associations then went into session, Miss Georgia Bell presiding. The following officers for the current year were elected: President, Miss Georgia Bell; vice president, A. S. Teague; secretary and treasurer, Miss Doris Edwards. As there had been but few local organizations, reports could not be made. Superintendent Henderson made a general report of school conditions in the county. A special committee consisting of Miss Emmeline Bishop, Miss Emma Bell and A. J. Hamilton was appointed to make a report at the next meeting on betterment work over the county.

The next on the program was a round table discussion on the much thought of subject, "How to Increase Attendance." Many valuable suggestions were made by various teachers. One advised persevering effort to get the mothers to visit the schools and thus know their children's surroundings. Visiting the parents and looking up the absent children were also suggested. One of the Brevard teachers spoke of the helpful effect of the published honor roll, already felt in the school. Another said that she found it useful to keep the children in expectation of some interesting thing to happen. The discussion was entered into quite freely.

Miss Cora Willson of the Ros-

man school read a very instructive paper on the "Value of Story Telling in Teaching." She proved the strong appeal of the story by Christ's use of it in the parables, by the part it played in the real teaching of the middle ages, and by the fact of the child's demand for it. What good does the story do? In answer to this question Miss Willson gave the answers made by her own pupils to the same question. One said the story was a pleasant change. Another said, "We have them at school and then tell them at home." Another said he liked the story people. Story telling leads to love of good books, to interest in common things, increases the vocabulary. It helps build character because good traits arise not from formal facts but from impulses.

After this paper on story telling Miss Irene Montgomery was asked to tell a story as she would to children. She responded with a story which proved as interesting to the teachers as to those for whom it was composed.

Next was a lesson in drawing by Miss Hattie Aiken. Although she is now a teacher at Brevard Institute, she has not been able to withdraw herself entirely from the county work, in which she has been interested for several years, and for which she has done service of incalculable value. Her lesson in drawing was designed to show how the simple and elementary rules of the art might be applied with good effect on the education of the child, training him in observation, memory, imagination, and the co-operation of mind and hand.

Miss Doris Edwards of the Brevard graded school made a talk on the "Educational Value of Music." Unfortunately Miss Edwards was unable to finish her talk, being overcome by the close atmosphere and seized with sudden faintness.

A literary and musical entertainment was given Friday evening at the school house, and was well attended by the teachers and others. As far as possible the program was devoted to the study of Alice and Phæbe Carey. The music could not so well be adapted to the subject, but the closing song, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was chosen as the production of Phæbe Carey. As there is now no regular auditorium at the school house, the entrance hall was turned into an auditorium, with the piano on the landing of the stairs. After the program the teachers and a few visitors remained for an informal reception. Some ingeniously devised games were played with much enjoyment, and refreshments were served.

The work of the association was resumed Saturday morning, the opening exercises being conducted by Mr. J. B. Bridges, principal of the Brevard graded school. The Scripture lesson chosen was Christ's turning the water into wine, and from this Mr. Bridges drew some helpful reflections, especially bearing on child life.

Saturday's program consisted of a paper on child study by Miss Frances McIntosh of the Brevard school and a talk on "How to Make Spelling Interesting," by Mr. Luke Osteen of Round Top, both thoughtful and instructive.

The late arrival of Mr. Robertson of the state agricultural department delayed the adjournment of the association. He presented the advantages of farm study in connection with public schools.

The meeting of the association was very well attended, only two of the county teachers being absent. The program was carried out with marked interest. The work of the association has undoubtedly had a most beneficial effect on the educational affairs of the county.

There will be a program given at the Selma graded school on Friday night, Oct. 23, at 8 o'clock, to which the public are invited. There will be several musical selections, a debate, and the presentation of five dollars by the county betterment association to the school for the best average attendance last year.

PISGAH FOREST ITEMS

Mrs. Harry Patton and Miss Martha Davis were among the visitors to the fair at Asheville this week.

Mr. W. F. Decker of the Tannin Extract company is on a trip to Cincinnati and Louisville this week. Mr. Brown Carr returned recently from a visit to Greenville, S. C.

Mr. A. B. Jones, agent at the depot, will have a vacation next week which he will spend at the home of his parents in Andrews. His place at the depot will be taken by Mr. H. R. Hinton of the Brevard station.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morenus will leave on Friday for St. Albans, W. Va. Mr. Morenus has been superintendent of construction work at the new Carr mill, and he goes to St. Albans to do work of a similar kind. He will be succeeded at the Carr Mill by Mr. J. I. Brock of New Orleans. The foreman of the construction work, Mr. H. W. Mitchell, will also leave in a few days.

The work on the new lumber mill is still progressing and will probably be completed early in December. The present capacity of the mill is 40,000 feet a day. The shipments average about 30,000 feet daily.

Messrs Hunter and Arbogast of the Southern contracting company of Asheville have made a contract with the Carr Lumber company for furnishing logs from the Pink Beds. A large camp is being established in the Pink Beds, sufficient to accommodate about fifty men. Sixteen large horses of the Percheron breed will be used in the logging teams.

Bailey Jones and Earl Jones, the latter familiarly known as "Casey", took a buggy drive to the Pink Bed woods last Sunday to hunt for chestnuts. On their return, while driving in an easy trot, one of the shafts broke loose from the axle. This caused the buggy to lurch to one side, then to overturn, and the occupants were spilled in the road. On finding they were not dead they thought of the horse, but the horse had already thought for himself, had jerked the other shaft loose from the axle, and was headed for home. The travelers, thus suddenly become pedestrians, trudged on in pursuit. Two miles farther on they found the horse, still hitched to the shafts and wondering what had become of the buggy. Borrowing a buggy, they came on home with the chestnuts.

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The substitution of heavy weight rails for the lighter kind, which has been in use on the Transylvania division of the Southern railway, has been going on for some time. The old rails, weighing 56 pounds to the foot, have been removed and 80 pound rails have been put in their place on a considerable part of the road. There is now a new track of these heavy rails from Hendersonville to Laurel Park, then a skip to Etowah, and new rails again from Etowah nearly to Penrose.

Above Brevard 70-pound rails will be used. One mile of these has already been delivered with an order for five miles more coming.

In addition to the laying of new rails, others improvements are in progress. At Rosman a Y will be installed for the turning of engines and other purposes. The passing track will be extended at Rosman and also at Pisgah Forest.

At different points along the road the section men are ballasting the track with crushed rock. This work at present is being done in places most needing such repair. A long stretch of this new ballast is being put in near Brevard.

Toned Up Whole System.

"Chamberlain's Tablets have done more for me than I ever dared hope for," writes Mrs. Esther Mae Baker, Spencerport, N. Y. "I used several bottles of these tablets a few months ago. They not only cured me of bilious attacks, sick headaches and that tired out feeling, but toned up my whole system." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

AN OLD PASTOR RESIGNS

At the meeting of Asheville Presbytery, which was held at Morrisson church, in Macon county, week before last, the pastoral relation between Davidson River church and Rev. W. H. Davis was dissolved at the request of the pastor.

Mr. Davis first served the Davidson River church from 1878 to 1890. During that time he took an active part in the founding and building of the Brevard Presbyterian church, which was at first a mission point from the older church at Davidson River. After an interim of sixteen years he was again called to the Davidson River church, where he has served as pastor since the summer of 1906. For the last few years he has preached also at Mills River church and at one or two mission points.

Mr. Davis will continue to live at his present home near Pisgah Forest. In view of his advancing years he has been relieved of regular pastoral work and responsibility, but he has placed himself at the call of the church to preach wherever he may be sent by Presbytery.

A TRIBUTE

Mars Hill, N. C., Oct. 6, 1914.

Mr. T. C. Henderson, Quebec, N. C.
Dear Brother Henderson: I have just heard of the death of your father. This was not unexpected, as I knew he had been in a critical condition for some time. Your father has been my ideal of a good man all the years. I think I have used his name as an illustration of the upright in heart more than any other whom I have known. I therefore feel a personal loss in his death. I greatly rejoice that the influence of such a life cannot perish. All of you children ought to be happy in having such a father. I was sorry that I could not visit him in his last illness. I was anxious to have talked with him, but pressing work prevented.

Please express my sympathy to your mother. I commend her to our Father whose grace is sufficient for every hour's need.

Mrs. Owen joins me in this expression of sympathy to all the family. Most sincerely yours,

J. R. OWEN.

RALLY DAY

The regular preaching service at the Presbyterian church was suspended last Sunday morning, giving place to the annual Sunday School Rally Day exercises, which had been postponed from October 4th.

As befitting such an occasion, the children took the prominent part. Georgia Dalton recited a little missionary poem, and Edna King led the primary class in singing "The Sweet Story of Old." Each class made its contribution separately. The primary class marched up and down the aisles singing "Hear the pennies fall," the intermediate class recited the Beatitudes, and the boys' class told of mission work done by the church.

The banner won by the Sunday school last year for the largest contribution in the Presbytery proportionate to numbers was hung in full view and no doubt gave inspiration to the children. The contribution of last Sunday far exceeded that of a year ago, being \$12.43.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Transylvania County Baptist Association met on Thursday at Mt. Moriah church, Calvert, and will continue in session till Sunday, including that day.

The delegates from the Brevard church are: W. M. Henry, W. H. Duckworth, Charles Jolley, C. K. Osborne, P. S. King, J. M. Hamlin, C. C. Duckworth and O. L. Jones. The alternates are: W. S. Price, Jr., C. C. Kilpatrick, W. E. Bishop, C. M. Carpenter and John Stansell.

The church is fortunate in being able to send up a good report in financial matters. All financial obligations have been met.