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OLD BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

The hardware store of the Miller Supply company was sold this week to J. W. McMinn, who will continue the business at its present location.

This deal makes a considerable change in a business that has been in operation for several years. The Miller-DeVane Supply Company, formed in 1901, was succeeded by the Miller Supply company in 1906, on the retirement of F. L. DeVane, the hardware business being carried on in the store rooms now occupied by the Home Supply Company. In the spring of 1912 the stock was transferred to its present location, and in the same year H. N. Carrier became a partner by purchasing the share of J. A. Miller, Sr. The business is one of the oldest under continuous management in the town.

While selling out their hardware department, the Miller Supply Company have retained ownership of their lumber business and mill. They have also acquired ownership of the Auditorium building.

The new proprietor of the hardware store, J. W. McMinn, is by no means a novice in mercantile business, having owned and operated the Home Supply Company prior to its purchase by C. M. Cooke, Jr., besides being largely interested in several other business concerns.

LANIER ENTERTAINMENT

The Sidney Lanier Society of Brevard Institute gave an interesting entertainment in the Institute chapel last Saturday night. A number of townspeople were present and these, with the students, filled the capacity of the hall. The program was a succession of recitations, songs, piano solos, and short plays, with a warmly contested debate, making a variety that concealed the length of time consumed.

The debate occupied the middle part of the program. The query was: "Resolved, that armament is an insurance of peace." The affirmative was upheld by Avant McCraw and Eugene Frazier, the negative by Jeter Matthews and Charles Nichols. The judges decided that the weight of argument lay with the negative.

Several other good things were on the program, among them a very amusing pantomime representing the conditions resulting from woman's rights, a declamation well rendered by Verne Clement, a scene from "Cinderella," a comic dialogue between two gentlemen from Darktown, a piano solo by Miss Verna Johnson, a short play in which a lover and maiden supposed each other to be deaf, and a number of others. A clever paper, "A Future Visit to Brevard," read by Miss Bertha Hipp, made a special hit with the students, a great many of whom she located in an agricultural among the future residents of the town.

STATE NEWS

The Good Roads Association of Buncombe county, meeting in sixteenth annual session last week, went on record as favoring the construction of sand clay roads for highways which lead into the main thoroughfares. The main arteries of travel, they feel, should be constructed of more durable material; and they urged macadam with a binder as the material for these roads.

The funeral of Mr. William T. Aycock, who was killed in an automobile accident in Raleigh last Thursday night, was held from the home of his mother, Mrs. B. F. Aycock, at Fremont, Saturday afternoon. Mr. Aycock was, at the time of his death, engineering clerk in the senate. Speaker of the House Wooten and Senator Johnson were also badly injured in the accident that resulted in the death of Mr. Aycock.

The government farm demonstration agents for the western district of North Carolina will hold a district meeting in Hickory from March 1st to 4th inclusive.

TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

The Transylvania county teachers association met on Friday and Saturday of last week, with about thirty teachers in attendance. Several of the schools have already closed, and this accounted for the absence of some of the teachers.

The meeting was an interesting one throughout the two days' session. The program was somewhat different from the usual in having so few of the county teachers scheduled for talks or papers. Mr. N. W. Walker, state supervisor of high schools, had been requested to appear on the program but was prevented from doing so by urgent business at Raleigh. The teachers were fortunate, however, in having with them on both days another representative of the state department of education, Mr. N. C. Newbold, whose work is directly connected with rural schools. Rev. A. W. McDaniel, pastor of the Baptist church, also contributed largely to the interest of the meeting by an address on Friday morning.

The only teacher having a specially prepared part on the program was Miss Frances McIntosh of the graded school, who gave a model reading lesson before the teachers. The class consisted of several boys and girls of the third grade, who had returned by request on Friday to contribute their share to the work of the association. The recitation was conducted quite efficiently by Miss McIntosh and carried out skillfully by the pupils. The most impressive thing about the work was the harmony between teacher and pupils and the consequent order and economy of effort. The teacher evidently believed in the development of pupils by leading them to exercise their own powers—a lesson which many trainers of children have failed to learn or apply.

Mr. McDaniel's address, which followed this model class, was a study of Christ as a teacher and a comparison of his methods with the most approved methods of the present day. Like him the teacher should have a purpose and a mission. Many teachers use the school as a step to something higher, but can there be anything higher than the molding of minds and the making of history? Like Christ, again, the teacher should have thorough preparation. He taught three years, but he prepared thirty years. It pays to prepare. In the matter of his message Christ was simple. He separated the essential from the non-essential. He illustrated his teachings by illustrations and enforced them by frequent repetitions. Christ lived what he taught. He said, "I am the truth," and every teacher should be an embodiment of truth, living the life which his pupils should live.

Mr. Newbold, who arrived on the noon train, talked interestingly in the afternoon session on the new studies which are pressing for a fixed place in the public school curriculum. His address of Saturday morning was in the nature of a continuation of the same line of thought when he spoke on the people's high school. He showed that the public high school had been too much under the domination of the colleges and universities. Only a small per cent of those who finish the high schools attend college.

The need is for a higher school which trains for the life of the community. There should be three fixed, or constant, studies, required of all students: first, English; second, physical training; third, history, including civics and social science. In addition there should be a range of elective studies, differing with the sexes. There should be agriculture, gardening, stock raising, and manual training for the boys; sewing, cooking, gardening and dairying for the girls. Higher mathematics and classical studies, such as Latin should be provided for those who wish to take them. Mr. Newbold said that such high schools had been tried and with eminent success.

Both Mr. Newbold's addresses were highly practical, but at the

same time extremely interesting. His manner of speaking is quiet, but none the less emphatic and convincing.

Friday evening at Brevard Institute, the out-of-town teachers gave a reception to Superintendent and Mrs. T. C. Henderson. A short program was carried out, consisting of two selections by the Brevard orchestra, vocal solos by Miss Blair, a recitation by Mrs. Miles Reece, a recitation by Mr. John S. Teague, a song by a quartette of Institute students, Misses Martin and Beck, Messrs Crawford and Douglas, a piano solo by Miss Maude Allison, and a recitation by Superintendent Henderson. Games and refreshments followed. It was one of the most enjoyable of all the Friday evenings connected with the association since the establishment of the two day services.

RECORDER'S COURT

State vs. Welch Galloway and Harry Collins, larceny. Those two defendants were small boys who had entered the store of the Gloucester Lumber Co., at Rosman. Through their attorney they entered a plea of confession and avoidance, which in plain language means that they plead guilty but were too young to be conscious of their guilt. This plea was accepted by the state and the defendants were placed under a bond of \$200 to keep away from the premises of the lumber company for eighteen months. Both made their bonds and were released.

State vs. C. W. Dillingham, trespass. Continued until April 17th, 1915.

State vs. Oscar Welshans, bigamy. In this case the defendant was charged with having married a second time without having obtained a legal separation from his first wife. Through his counsel he endeavored to establish the fact that his first marriage was not a legal marriage, but Mr. Breese representing the state, announced that if this were established he would have the defendant arrested under the Mann white slave act, the defendant having married the first time in Tennessee and later bringing his wife to this state. The recorder bound the defendant over to the Superior court under a \$500 bond.

State vs. El Moore, colored, larceny. A plea of confession and avoidance was also entered in this case but the defendant was handicapped by reason of the fact that he appeared to be older than he claimed. After hearing the evidence as to the age of the boy the recorder decided the defendant was legally accountable for his acts and therefore taxed him with \$19 and the costs.

In the case of State vs. Pete Price, colored, charged with an assault, the defense attempted to establish an alibi. A sentence of sixty days on the roads was given, from which an appeal was taken, bond being fixed at \$100. In this case Mr. William Allison, a law student, was appointed to represent the prosecuting witness, and the manner in which he conducted the case proved that he made no mistake in selecting the law as a profession.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

Word for the month, "Duty."

Ember week. Do not forget the "Ember prayer," Wednesday, February 24th, Ember day, Sewing meeting at the Rectory at 3.

Penitential office with reading at church at 5 o'clock, subject: "A Bishop among His Flock." "Christ and His Church."

Remember the month word, Friday, February 26th, Ember day Litany and Reading at 5 o'clock, subject: "A Bishop among his Flock." Christ and His Church.

Be loyal to Duty: Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, Morning prayer, Communion and sermon at 11; subject, "Self Denial."

Every opportunity for duty is a Divine Call.

MR. BROWN'S REPORT

It will be recalled that a number of good roads enthusiasts recently sent to the state department and had Mr. R. T. Brown come here and look over the roads of Brevard township. Mr. Brown made a preliminary report to the meeting held in the court house recently, when the citizens present decided to draft a bill to be sent to our representatives in the legislature authorizing the township to vote bonds not in excess of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of improving the roads of the township.

The meeting also decided to have Mr. Brown make a more careful survey of the roads and furnish estimates of the probable cost and report his opinion as to the best kind of road to construct. This he has done, and his final report is as follows:

"I enclose herewith report and estimates on the cost of the road work proposed in your county. These estimates are based on finding enough material in the gravel beds and in the creeks to do all the work, and on your doing hauling with the roller you have, pull trailers. Also no allowance is made for payment for the material, as I think the people should be willing to give it. It is assumed that the hauling be done over the road as it built, thus doing the rolling by hauling over it. (Then follows the detailed estimates for the various sections of the road which shows the approximate cost of the seventeen miles of road under consideration to be \$49,000.)

"You will note that the cost of the twenty foot road is estimated at less per mile than the eighteen foot road. This is due to the fact that the twenty foot stretches are at the ends of the town streets and between Brevard and North Brevard, and therefore a shorter average haul. If you should find that there is not enough material available it is probable that the county would buy a rock crusher. But if not I think it would be more economical to buy the remaining stone necessary than to buy a crusher.

"This estimate covers the cost of road machine work and the necessary grading, also the small culverts, but not the large bridges, as the latter should properly come out of the county fund. This estimate is not greatly larger than the other, owing to the fact that I did not count on hauling with the roller you have when making the preliminary report at the meeting. The cost of hauling could be still further reduced if it were done with motor truck and trailers, granting you already owned the truck. But the cost of the truck and the fact that the rolling would not be so uniform will more than offset the difference in the cost of hauling. If teams are used on the very short hauls the cost will not be greatly increased, but on the long hauls it would be very nearly doubled.

"I shall be able before a great while to advise you as to the practicability of removing the gravel from the creeks by means of a sand pump.

"With best wishes for the success of your efforts, I am,

"Very truly yours,

"R. T. BROWN,

"Highway Engineer."

MEDICINE MANUFACTURING CO.

The Brevard Medicine Manufacturing Company, whose formation was mentioned several weeks ago in this paper, has received shipment of material, and preparations are being made for getting the goods on the market at an early date.

The upstairs rooms of the Pickens building are used for the storage of material and for compounding the medicines.

Dr. I. A. Harris of Weaverville, is president, and W. H. Harris, secretary and treasurer. The medicines manufactured are blood medicines, originally compounded by Dr. Harris and used in his practice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

The representatives from the various churches in the town of Brevard recently appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for working up a Sunday school rally day, met at the Methodist church last week and discussed plans for carrying the idea into effect.

The time for holding the exercises was fixed for Tuesday, April 27, and on the invitation of Prof. C. H. Trowbridge the Brevard Institute was selected for the place for holding the exercises. It was agreed that all the Sunday schools in Brevard township should be invited to participate in the program.

The various schools will form in line somewhere up town and march to the Institute auditorium where a number of short addresses (not exceeding two minutes) will be made, after which a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds. Everyone will be expected to bring a well filled basket.

After dinner there will be a number of athletic contests between the various schools on the Institute campus.

The following committees were appointed:

Program Committee: Mrs. D. G. Ward, chairman, Mrs. M. M. King, Mrs. C. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. W. H. Duckworth, M. J. Orr, C. H. Trowbridge, A. B. Riley and Ora L. Jones.

Athletic Committee: Mrs. A. M. Verdery, chairman, J. A. Miller, Jr., Walter Whitmore, Charles Jolley and Henry N. Carrier.

Parade Committee: W. S. Price, Jr., chairman, W. H. Barris, M. J. Orr, E. A. Allison and A. H. Caldwell.

Mr. Welch Galloway was appointed as general director, to have oversight of all the committees.

ENTERTAINMENT BY LYRICS

The Brevard Amusement company was again fortunate in the selection of a company of entertainers when they secured a date with the Boston Lyrics, who were at the Auditorium on Thursday night of last week.

Comedy was the leading feature of the program. Exceptions to this were a song in Italian from Gounod's Faust by Mr. Jordan, a reading from one of Gilbert Parker's novels by Miss Wells, the singing of one of Harry Stilwell Edwards' poems by Mr. Jordan, and a few other numbers. The music on the cornet and trombone was good—too good to have formed so small a part of the programme. Quite a hit was made by the playing and singing of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," the interpretation being given with truly Irish humor. Mr. Jordan gave a caricature of the learned minister's discourse, which caused a great deal of amusement.

The entertainment gained in interest as it progressed, and by the time the closing numbers were reached the audience seemed altogether with the performers.

LAND TRANSFERS

The following are some of the recent transfers of real estate, according to deeds filed in the register's office:

T. L. Walters of Columbus, Ga., to C. C. and G. C. Kilpatrick and E. F. Gillespie a tract of land just outside the incorporate limits of Brevard on the Wilson's Bridge road, containing about fifteen acres, for the sum of \$3,700. The place contains a dwelling house, formerly owned and occupied by W. R. Kinsey.

W. P. Mackey to W. S. Wyatt, a lot at Pisgah Forest for \$150.

The Brevard Improvement Company to Americus Heath, twenty and three-tenths acres of land on the west bank of the French Broad river for \$1315.

Miss Sadie North to the Ebenezer Free Will Baptist church, a lot in West Brevard for the building of a church for that denomination.