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CHURCH IN MILL TOWN

The people in cotton mill town are interested in the prospect of having a church building in their own section. Mr. J. W. Burnette, superintendent of the mill, is heartily in favor of the movement and has expressed his sympathy with it in a substantial way. A lot in the further end of the mill village has been promised as a sight for the church, on condition that the people raise enough money to build a suitable house.

The lot is in the corner made by the crossing of the main mill street and the road leading to King's mill. It is understood that the church will be used as a place of worship for the Missionary Baptists, but other denominations will be allowed to worship there.

While the Brevard churches have plenty of room to accommodate all their ordinary attendants, they have never been patronized very freely by the people living in the mill village. The erection of a separate church there would be only repeating the history of such institutions in places where a certain form of industry has brought many people together. The problem of getting the people to church always has to be solved by taking the church to the people.

CARPENTERS FORM UNION

A number of the local carpenters met last Friday night with the view of organizing a union. Officers were elected and arrangements made for completing the organization later. A committee was appointed to look after the matter of rooms and report on Friday of this week.

The officers elected are: President, J. L. Wright; vice-president, W. M. Bradley; secretary, Newt Pool; treasurer, W. M. Miller; conductor, T. B. Sumner; Jr.; financial secretary, Harold Hardin; inside sentinel, L. Banks; Nicholson; trustees, H. M. Miller, G. C. Neill, Perry Fullbright.

RECITAL AT INSTITUTE

Misses May and Grace Johnson of Birmingham, Ala. will give a recital in violin and piano interspersed with readings at the auditorium of the Brevard Institute on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Benefit of the Betterment Association. These young ladies come to us highly recommended. Come out and enjoy the evening and help the Betterment Association. Admission adults, 50c; pupils of the Institute and graded school, 10c.

PRESENT BIBLE AND FLAG

Transylvania Council No. 176, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, gave an interesting program last Sunday afternoon in presence of a Bible and flag to the Davids River school at Pigeon Forest. A considerable number of people from the surrounding country were present, bringing nearly all the available seats.

As befitting the occasion, the program was of a patriotic and religious nature. Mr. C. R. Sharp of Selma presided over the meeting and made a few introductory remarks. An address was made by Superintendent T. C. Henderson, in which he gave the history of the rise and development of the Junior Order. Mr. G. C. Neill presented the Bible, which was received by Miss Julia Deaver, one of the teachers, and Mr. Joe Johnson presented the flag, which was received by Mr. L. C. Bloddy, principal of the school.

Some good music was contributed to the program by a male quartette, which sang three selections. The singers were Messrs. Erwin Galloway, Charles Jolley, Joe Tinsley and John Sumner.

After the conclusion of the addresses made in presenting and receiving the Bible and flag, Messrs. W. M. Miller and Perry Galloway, of the Junior Order, hoisted the stars and stripes over the school house, and the congregation sang the inspiring strains of the "Star Spangled Banner."

BUSINESS IS GOOD

The News, acting on the belief that business in Brevard is better at this time than at any time in the past, asked the merchants of the town to give us a few lines regarding business conditions in their lines, and especially a comparison of sales during February as compared with February last year.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have been hearing a lot about hard times during the past few months the business men, almost without exception, have reported increased sales in February over the same month last year.

It is a significant fact that the largest increases are reported by the best advertisers, those men who have tested the value of space in the News and have found that it paid them to advertise. There's a reason. We regret, however, that a few did not respond to our request for an interview and therefore our list is not quite complete.

In conversation with the various merchants, the News is convinced that the prospects for good business is good, and that Brevard and Transylvania county has not suffered to a very great extent from the business depression and hard times so much talked of in other sections of the state.

The following business houses responded to our request, and taken as a whole the statements that follow are very flattering:

Duckworth Drug Company

Notwithstanding the great European war, the cry of calamity howlers, strikes and political upheavals and tariff changes, and all the various things that have tended, or been intended, to depress business, we have grown steadily, and our sales for February were nearly twenty-five per cent more than for the same month last year. Transylvania is a safe place for a business man to invest his money.

W. P. Weitt

While I cannot make a fair comparison of February business with February of last year, by reason of the fact that last year I was in the midst of a big special sale, I am of the opinion that the business prospects for the future are very bright, and unless this country is drawn into the European conflict I can see no reason why this year should not be a banner year for business in this county. The past few months with their excessive rain and mud have prevented the working people making full time, but as the weather gets better, enabling the working people to put in full time, there is no reason why we should not break all of our former records in the matter of sales.

O. L. Erwin

Why hallow hard times? There has never been a time in the history of our county when payrolls were so large as now, and there work opening up for the coming spring. Business is getting better. My cash business for February, 1915, was \$500 better than February, 1914, at the Brevard store, and the others in proportion. There is more work going on and wages are higher than ever before. So why not pay up your old accounts and buy what you need? The weather and wages are both going to be good, so cheer up and don't be scared. War or no war, we are going to have better times and a better market for our products.

T. M. Mitchel

While there was a small decrease in my January business this year, my sales in February increased thirty-nine per cent over February of a year ago, and I expect to smash all records in sales during the next few months.

S. M. Macfie

Our February business this year shows a net gain of about ten per cent over the same month last year, and prospects are now brighter than at any time for the past several months. As long as business continues as good as it is at present in this community there will be no hard times in this county. The weather has been the worst enemy to business this winter, and with

the coming of spring conditions will be greatly improved, and in our opinion this year will be a record breaker for Transylvania county.

Miller Supply Company

While our store was closed for a part of the month of February for the purpose of taking stock preparatory to transferring our stock of goods to Mr. J. W. McMillan, our business for February shows an increase of twenty-six per cent over the previous February. The war and hard times talk has not affected our business to any great extent.

C. C. Yongue

My February business was practically the same this year as last, which would indicate that times are as good now as before, the present so-called hard times began, especially when one considers the fact that the roads have been in such bad shape that the farmers could not get to town, and when all outside laborers have been forced to take a vacation on account of the weather.

Miss Florence Kern

Business is good and growing better. My February sales were two and a half times those of February last year.

Frank D. Clement

I find that the first two months of 1915, running ahead about ten per cent over January and February of last year. This, I think, is due to the bad weather and poor Christmas trade in December last year.

Brevard Lumber Company

We would like to say that our business compared with last year in January and February is about twenty per cent better, so it does not seem that the dull times that are so much talked of are as bad as the people think.

H. A. Plummer

Our business is better now than it was a year ago. Sales are picking up daily, and prospects are very bright for a bigger business this year than ever before.

Brevard Hardware Company

Transylvania county is in better shape this spring than ever before if our business is an indicator. Our records show that our business has increased three and a third times what it was for February 1914. Our cash sales were fifty per cent better than February 1914. Our collections were about the same. Only a few people who owe us are trying to talk bad times etc.

Brevard Banking Company

Mr. Thos. H. Shipman, cashier of the Brevard Banking Company, was asked by a representative of the News as to the general condition of business in the county at this time as compared to twelve months ago, to which he replied as follows:

"While the county, as a whole, owes more money now than they did twelve months ago, there is more money being spent each month for payrolls, by several thousand dollars, than at this time last year. I regard the farmer as being in better shape now than last year for the reason that there is double the number of beef cattle being fed by our farmers this year, and we will have a large surplus of corn for sale, while heretofore we have been buying several car loads of western corn each year. When we quit paying bills of lading for hay, corn, oats, etc., and our home farmers raise what we need for home consumption we will then have the best county in the western part of the state."

M. E. BARACA OFFICERS

The Baraca class of the Methodist Sunday school, organized some time ago with Miss Doris Edwards as teacher, recently elected officers for the semi-annual term, beginning with the first of March.

The newly elected officers are: president, Z. W. Nichols, Jr.; vice-president, Harry Loftis; secretary, Goode Cleatham; treasurer, Jack Zachary; reporter, Verne Clement; librarian, Alexander Lewis.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Ada A. Lennie, a product of the noted Montessori school at Rome, Italy, is in Hendersonville with the view to establishing here a school for training children by the new method.—Capt. J. W. Bailey is building a cement sidewalk from Third avenue to the postoffice property on the east side of Church street. The sidewalk will be similar to that constructed by the government, making a cement sidewalk entirely around this block, the first Main street block to be thus surrounded.—Western Carolina Democrat.

Uncle Bart Henson, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Caroleen, was painfully hurt Sunday afternoon by being run into and knocked down by a drunken negro on a wheel. He is able to be out now.—Rutherfordton Sun.

Knitting is the occupation of the time. Everybody's doing it. The facts are recognized in the popular songs of the day, and "Scotty Smith's a-Knitin' Socks for Soldiers," is the ditty which is being sung by the British "Tommy" and by Englishmen at home and abroad. It bids fair to supersede even "Tipperary."—Polk County News.

The Tuckasee Clay Company, two miles west of town, is erecting a large addition to the plant and in the very near future will greatly increase the number of employees. At present some twenty-five or thirty are on the payroll—it is expected this number will be increased to one hundred as soon as the necessary additional dry sheds can be erected. This plant is probably the most modern in existence and numerous clay manufacturers from other sections have been here to inspect the plant with the view of making changes in their own plants. Five cars of clay were shipped to East Liverpool, Ohio, last week, and we understand the quality is of the best.—Bryson City Times.

Monday was a day of rejoicing for the local Baptist church for it saw the end of the building debt which has hampered the congregation since their handsome structure was erected ten years ago. During these strenuous times they have paid during the past seven weeks nearly \$2,000, besides the regular church expenses. In this connection we are glad to say our Methodist friends are about to begin the erection of a handsome new building for themselves. They need it and will no doubt get it soon if they desire it strongly enough. We hope they will out-build the other denominations. No building will be too good for our new Waynesville. Spending of buildings our Uncle Sammy should soon start something classy.—Carolina Mountaineer.

A CALL TO THE WOMEN

I would that I had the power to send a ringing call to every woman in the town and county. "Your country needs you and no substitute can take your place." She needs you to share the work of organized effort for the health of the children, for the making of your home a place of peace and beauty, for giving to your little ones the education that is to fit them for life, an education that will make them realize that their country longs for, not more people in the city, but for more noble men and women of trained intellects, of capable hands, who will make our mountain sides smile like the rose and become the garden spot of the world.

All this will be possible, dear friends, if you but realize your own power, and asking God's help, band yourselves together by joining the Betterment associations to work without ceasing until the goal is reached.

Adapted by Mrs. C. D. Chapman, President Brevard Betterment Association.

FRENCH BROAD LAKE

The Brevard Improvement Co., owners of the French Broad Camp property, have the building of a lake on the property well in hand, and before the opening of the camp school this year there will be a beautiful lake for the boys of the camp to sport in.

The lake is being built just above the dining hall of the camp, and while it will not be so very large it will afford ample clear water for bathing and boating.

Under the direction of Messrs. H. E. Paxton and Fred Johnson the lake site has been cleared of all trees and underbrush, the biggest part of the work of building a foundation finished, and the actual work of building, or "puddling," begun. The lake when completed will be about fourteen feet deep over a good portion of the lake, with some shallow water for the boys just learning to swim.

The lake is being built by Brevard capital for the sole use of French Broad Camp, and the spirit co-operation shown goes to show to what extent Brevard business men will go to encourage the location of propositions of this kind in our community.

RECORDER'S COURT

A large number of cases were disposed of in the recorder's court Monday morning, but owing to the nature of the cases very little time was consumed by any hearing. The following is the list:

State vs. Sid Russell, affray, not guilty. This was the case where a man named Riddle was shot by the defendant Russell on the Gloucester Lumber Co.'s road about two weeks ago. Only one witness appeared in court against the defendant, and although he was present at the time of the shooting, he could give no reason for the fight, and as the defendant plead self-defense the case was dismissed.

A number of defendants were charged with trespass on the Vardelbitt estate prior to the transfer of that property to the United government. The following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Daniel McCall, trespass. A plea of nolo contendere was entered and defendant was discharged with the payment of the costs.

State vs. Jason McCall, trespass, non suit.

State vs. Walter Hamlin and Rickman McCall, trespass, non suit.

State vs. Jason McCall and Richard McCall, trespass, non suit as to Richard McCall; Jason McCall to pay the costs.

State vs. Daniel McCall and Volney McCall, trespass, non suit.

State vs. Rufus McCall, trespass, nolo contendere, defendant to pay costs.

State vs. Walter Hamlin and Rickman McCall, trespass, nolo contendere, defendants to pay costs.

State vs. John Wallis, colored, assault on a man named Ahfeldt, thirty days on the county roads.

In this case it appeared that the defendant had become engaged in a difficulty with a white man and had been knocked down, upon which he attempted to assault the white man with a knife. Mr. Ahfeldt was told before Mayor Whitmore on Saturday and fined one dollar and costs, when Wallis was bound over to the recorder's court.

To the Housewife.

Madam, if your husband is like most men he expects you to look after the health of yourself and children. Coughs and colds are the most common of the minor ailments and are most likely to lead to serious diseases. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when it has a cold. If you will inquire into the merits of the various remedies that are recommended for coughs and colds, you will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy stands high in the estimation of people who use it. It is prompt and effective, pleasant and safe to take, which are qualities especially to be desired when a medicine is intended for children. For sale by all dealers. ad