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BIG SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY ON APRIL 25

CITY SCHOOLS TO FURNISH THE REFRESHMENTS

Country Schools to Participate in Exercises; All Day Affair; Committees at Work.

The Sunday schools of Transylvania county will hold a big rally on Brevard on Tuesday, April 25.

At the township rally held last year it was decided to make it an annual event, and those having the cause of the Sunday schools at heart have decided to enlarge the territory and have a county-wide affair.

The Brevard Sunday schools will furnish the refreshments and the outside schools will be invited to make thereof and participate in the exercises.

The object of the rally is to enlarge Sunday school work and create greater fellowship and co-operation among the schools by bringing them all into the same general big rally.

Committees from Oak Grove and the Brevard Sunday schools met at the Baptist church Tuesday night and arranged the organization and planned for another county-wide rally on Tuesday night.

At the meeting Tuesday night it was decided to hold this annual rally on April 25, beginning at 10 o'clock. It will be held at Brevard Institute, which will come in very convenient to increase city wealth or showers of rain. It was decided to invite the schools from every section of the county, for whom refreshments will be provided and placed on the ground by Brevard and Oak Grove Sunday schools.

Noah M. Hollowell was elected chairman and David G. Ward secretary of the meeting. After laying the foundation work the meeting adjourned and the superintendents of the schools who had been appointed to compose a general or central committee with the power to name other committees met and went further into the details of the rally. This committee elected Charles Jolley as chairman and proceeded to select the following committees:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Mrs. C. H. Troubridge, Institute school, chairman; Miss Mattie Aiken, Methodist; Miss Georgia Bell, Presbyterian; Eugene Allison, Oak Grove; Ora L. Jones, Baptist; Mrs. David Ward, Episcopal.

COMMITTEE ON REFRESHMENTS. Mrs. George Chatham, Presbyterian, chairman; Miss Alma Troubridge, Institute; Mrs. W. H. Allison, Oak Grove; Mrs. T. D. England, Methodist; Mrs. O. L. Erwin, Episcopal; Mrs. Avah Ashworth, Baptist.

COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS. C. H. Troubridge, Methodist, chairman; G. J. Jones, Baptist; Willie Allison, Oak Grove; A. B. Riley, Presbyterian; Miss Maude Pitts, Institute.

COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS. Joseph W. Smith, Presbyterian, chairman; Ethel Wells, Institute; Dick Brown, Episcopal; Eugene Allison, Oak Grove; Carl Hardin, Baptist; Woodfin Zachery, Methodist.

Miss Nathalie Forsythe was elected marshal of the occasion and mounted on a horse she will lead the procession, the line of march to be arranged by the Sunday school superintendents.

The superintendents having in charge the general plans are: C. H. Jolley, Baptist, chairman; Welch Galloway, Methodist; A. B. Riley, Presbyterian; Mrs. David Ward, Episcopal; M. J. Orr, Oak Grove; C. H. Sheffield, Brevard Institute.

The superintendents decided to

PLAN EXAMINATIONS FOR SEVENTH GRADES

Teachers and Pupils Prepare for Examinations Whereby Seventh Grade Pupils May Receive Diplomas.

The teachers and pupils of the public schools now in session in Transylvania county are shaping their work for the final examinations to be held before the awarding of diplomas at the approaching county commencement.

The following extract from a letter from Supt. T. C. Henderson to the school teachers will show the purpose and nature of the examinations:

"Final examinations on the seventh grade will be given at the various schools of the county on Friday, March 24. All pupils who have previously done the work of the fifth and sixth grades as outlined in the course of study and who have completed or will complete during this school term the work of the seventh grade will be entitled to take this final examination. I am asking the principals of the various schools to hold this examination, grade the papers and send the grades and papers to me by Saturday, April 1. Questions and report blanks will be sent you in time for the examination.

"At our county commencement, which is to be held at Brevard on Friday, April 14, diplomas will be granted to all pupils who have fulfilled the requirements of the course of study and have successfully passed the final examination thereon. Seventy per cent will be considered as a passing grade."

COL. BOGGS IS BEWICKERED

Colonel Boggs, better known as John Boggs, the Turkey creek philosopher, stalked into this week's stubbled-savannah Monday with his usual familiarity and informality and his voice was about all that could be recognized. He had left his bushy bunch of brown whiskers of several years' growth and his long and disheveled locks at the barber shop. The newspaper force concluded that he was preparing to run for some practical office but he said that his shave and hair cut carried with it nothing of a political significance.

Col. Boggs says that of his ten children only one has ever seen his upper lip and that four have never seen his face, which now presents a far more attractive appearance than heretofore and is more in keeping with the intelligence of the Colonel, who is undeniably above the average farmer in this respect.

The Turkey creek philosopher said that he hadn't informed his family that he was going to make such a sudden change of mind and he was feeling so good over the change he remained in the print shop until 4:30, then strapped out on a 6-mile jaunt for home in the appearance of an entirely new man.

have various exercises, consisting of Bible study tests, field sports, music and any other features that can be arranged.

In order that the committees may enter upon their duties at the earliest possible date, it has been decided to hold a meeting of all the committees in conjunction with that of the general committee at Brevard Institute on next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, when the work will be reviewed and then the committees will enter into their particular work in different committee rooms at the Institute. The general or central committee emphasizes the importance of a full attendance at this meeting on the part of every committee.

MAIL ORDER GOODS. NOT FOR ME



The spring editions of cat dogs are beginning to pour into Transylvania county from the mail order houses. The picture above illustrates only one of the many foolish points there are to trading with these mail order houses.

Suppose we traded with the mail order houses and you traded with the mail order houses and your neighbors did likewise, what would become of our own home enterprises?

Quality, prices and conveniences taken into consideration you don't make any big bargains in patronizing the mail order houses.

The home merchants are your best friends. They support the schools, the churches, the county and city government, and help in every way possible to build up the county.

In the advertising columns of the News you will find announcements that will cover your needs. If not, contact with the advertiser and if they don't have what you want let them order it for you and then you will have somebody to hold responsible for the goods and you get them just as cheap and your home merchant gets a profit.

Local stores are a necessity. They help to build up the community. Trade at home always.

"FIGURES DON'T LIE." THE NEWS IS POPULAR

Records Show That 136 New and 217 Renewal Subscriptions Have Been Received Since January 1.

"Figures don't lie," is a generally accepted truth.

Our record shows a growth of 136 in new subscriptions since January 1, and 217 renewals.

These figures show a healthy growth and unmistakably tell of the popularity of the News.

The honor roll of the past week, showing new and renewal subscriptions received, follows:

New Subscriptions.

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| W. R. Wyatt | Pisgah Forest |
| F. S. Fisher | Lake Toxaway |
| F. H. Barton | Lake Toxaway |
| E. F. Gasloway | Bowman |
| C. L. King | Hopeville, Va. |
| Miss Ned Lance | Brevard |
| L. P. Wilson | Brevard |
| Ed Herdrix | Resman |
| J. H. McLean | Lake Toxaway |
| W. A. McCall | Cherryfield |
| L. T. Gillespie | Souder, S. C. |

Renewals.

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| Gaston Whitmore | Cherryfield |
| Dr. J. V. McKinney | Brevard |
| Mrs. S. A. Albert | Pisgah Forest |
| E. F. Gasloway | Brevard, R. 1 |
| E. F. Raimes | Brevard |
| H. A. Wilson | Brevard |
| David Hollingsworth | Brevard, R. 2 |
| J. E. Davidson | Blantyre |
| Mrs. M. E. Alexander | Sapphires |
| Mrs. J. P. Allison | Walnut, S. C., R. 2 |
| John C. Deaver | Morristown, Tenn. |
| Ben H. Owen | Lake Toxaway |
| Mrs. John A. McCleod | Carthage |
| H. P. Nicholson | Pisgah Forest, R. 1 |
| J. McKinnis | Greenville, S. C. |
| C. R. Lance | Brevard, R. 1 |
| D. B. Bracken | Albany, N. Y. |
| T. R. Duncan | Brevard, R. 2 |
| Mrs. M. S. McKelvey | Brevard, R. 1 |
| Clarence Teague | Oak Point, Wash. |
| Dr. Chas. E. Lyday | Allemande |
| Mrs. Wm. A. Johnson | Charleston, S. C. |
| Mrs. J. F. Townsend | Charleston, S. C. |
| Wm. H. Smith | Fortress Monroe, Va. |

AUTO MAIL SERVICE

W. D. Glazener and W. H. Grogan, jr. are serving the patrons on their mail routes by automobiles from Brevard. When the roads will permit they are enabled through the use of machines to make the route much quicker than when they used their horses.

13 CONVICTS ADDED TO COUNTY FORCE

WORK DEVOTED TO THE MILL HILL ROAD

County Commissioners Import Road Builders—Will Improve Highway Through County.

As an evidence of their intention to build roads in Transylvania the county commissioners have placed thirteen convicts from Swain and McDowell counties on the Mill Hill road to supplement the regular road forces located at Conestoga Falls.

W. H. Grogan, jr., desiring that the News have first hand information as to the nature of the work being done by the citizens on the Mill Hill road, took the editor out Tuesday to view the road work which he travels over daily.

Superintendent T. E. Reid was busy preparing adequate quarters for the thirteen men who were taken to the camp on Wednesday. The camp has been located at Conestoga Falls since last September and owing to the small amount of road hands and the extremely difficult nature of the work to be done, about a mile of road has been constructed. This was of very difficult construction, the road crew having to cut its way through a bed of solid rock at many places.

Superintendent Reid is making a 20 foot road, where previously there has been in some places a roadway wide enough for wagon travel. Mr. Reid is making the road from 1 to 2 per cent grades and the work he is doing is of a permanent character. It is not a temporary construction. The road bed is of a material that will not necessitate sarfacing and some attention from the county should keep the road in excellent condition.

Several months ago the road forces began work at the Greenville county line and worked this way for 2 or 3 miles but in view of litigation for a lake that would cover the proposed road bed, operations were halted to Conestoga Falls, about three miles from where the work ceased. From Conestoga the work has progressed a mile or more toward Brevard and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible until the road force reaches the fork at the road, about a mile from the place of present operations.

Superintendent Reid estimates that it will take 20 men about four months to build a mile of the road but in view of the fact that the remainder of the distance is somewhat easier of construction the work will likely progress more rapidly.

The county commissioners have found that it is an expensive proposition to maintain a road camp with only a few men there being only five during the past few days, and for this reason they have secured thirteen convicts, the men having been brought in Tuesday, T. E. Summey and Branch Paxton brought the men from Swain and Commissioner T. S. Wood brought the convict from McDowell.

Mr. Wood, in conversation with the statement of the board of commissioners, declares that he and the other commissioners are for road building and expects to push the work as rapidly as possible and that he believes a bond issue the proper thing for better township. He says that other convicts will be secured if possible, and that Transylvania will be given connecting links with Greenville and Henderson counties just as soon as the convict force can do the work. The road terms of the convicts brought to the county range from 3 to 12 months.

The convicts are costing Transylvania only court costs and transportation expenses.

THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE STATEMENT

WILL NOT SWERVE AT CRACK OF "BOSS WHIP"

For Good Roads—Always Ready to Serve Public Squarely—No Underhand Tactics.

Editor, News: Will you please allow us space in your paper to make the following statement as county commissioners?

First allow us to say if there is any one thing more than another that is disgusting to a people it is a newspaper controversy. Hence this article means alpha and omega—the beginning and the end.

We wish now to say for the benefit of all concerned we do not intend to resign; we were elected by the people to serve them; we will serve all of the people fairly and squarely to the best of our ability—every man, woman and child, regardless of their politics, principles or opinions—when a petition in proper and legal shape is brought before us calling for improved roads or any other public improvements. We will, in the future, as in the past, order an election and let the people decide the question. We will not take, as we think, an inside track upon the people; we will not force one township to build roads for another township, but will leave all proper and public questions to a vote of the people, and no road will be reserved from what we consider our honest duty to the whole people by the crack of any political whip.

As citizens we are in favor of good roads and to this end will do all in our power to aid in good road work—whether it be sand, clay, rock crushed or any other suitable material—but let us look before we leap, and not make mistakes as many counties and towns have made at the expense of the tax payers, for if you do, then, Mr. Editor, you will hear something from the dear people you don't want to hear and possibly more to attract your attention than a dog fight at the close of a commissioners meeting. We know the people of this county mighty well, and if they do not see some thing they will invariably do right, but if they are deceived in any way by truckery they are ready to kick.

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Mrs. Jones dead. Mrs. John Jones of Pisgah Forest died on Monday and was buried on the following morning in the Davidson River cemetery. Rev. A. W. McDaniel conducted the funeral services at the church. Mrs. Jones was before her marriage Miss Elbe Stepp.

Saw mill burned. Will Warren's saw mill on King creek was burned on the night of March 1, according to information received in Brevard. The machinery, for the greater part, was destroyed. Those who had heard of the fire were unable to give details.

Mrs. Cooke plants hedge. C. M. Cooke recently removed some trees from his yard and is now having his lawn fringed with the Armour River privet hedge, which is being planted by W. M. Cloud.