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Two-County Boosters For Highway Number 284

NOTED AUTHOR BUYS HOME NEAR BREVARD

Hamilton Basso Permanently Locates at Halsell Farm at Davidson River

After seeking a suitable home in nearly every state east of the Mississippi, Hamilton Basso, noted author, has decided to settle in Transylvania county. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Basso purchased the E. L. Halsell tract of land near Davidson river which is located on a wooded hill overlooking the French Broad river valley four miles from Brevard and they intend to remain here permanently while Mr. Basso continues to write novels. They believe that this section is the ideal home spot of America.

Basso, one of the rising young writers of the nation, first came to Brevard two years ago just after the publication of his widely known biography, "Beauregard, the Great Creole." It was while here that he wrote most of "Cinnamon Seed," his second fiction work in novel form. He has stated that he finds it easier to write in the quiet and seclusion of the mountain environment than anywhere else he has been.

Before coming to Brevard to live the writer had lived in New Orleans, New York, Aiken, and numerous other places generally considered as ideal work-shops for the writing clan. In New Orleans he was for some time city editor of the Times-Picayune but gave up the job when he saw a chance to start his first book. It was while he was living in Aiken, S. C., last year that he created his latest opus, "In Their Own Image" (Scribner's, N. Y., \$2.50). He has periodically contributed critical essays and articles to various magazines and his stories are frequently found among the pages of Scribner's magazine.

Hamilton Basso is a true Southerner and a very young man. He loves the South and is the friend of such Dixie writers as Sherwood Anderson, Rourk Bradford, Lyle Saxon, Oliver La Farge and William Faulkner and others.

The Basso home near Brevard is what one would expect of the quiet young writer and his charming wife. Set on the summit of a knoll commanding a beautiful view of the fertile river valley with the misty panorama of the Blue Ridge mountains looming in the distance, their new home is secluded from curious outsiders. Here amid the soft fragrance of pine and spruce Basso pursues his writing craft leisurely and yet, paradoxically, in a most industrious manner.

Writing in the book review section of the Charlotte Observer Phillips Russell observes that "Mr. Basso has long ago proved his ability as a writer" but he hopes that his next book "will reveal to us people who are a real part of American life, not those who merely decorate the scene." In short, Mr. Russell is not in sympathy with the life of the horsey Aiken winter residents and apparently agrees with one of the characters of "In Their Own Image" who says "It is all make-believe. All they have is the alchemy of their own importance—the alchemy

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Art Exhibit Friday and Saturday Will Be Outstanding Event of This Season

The art, antique and curio exhibit to be held here Friday and Saturday promises many interesting features. The exhibit, to be held in the building formerly occupied by the Southern Public Utilities company on Main street, will be open on both days from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock in the evening.

Among the noted painters to exhibit will be Jean Jacques Pfister, head of the art department at Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Pfister are spending the summer at Blowing Rock. Both are artists. Mr. Pfister was born in Switzerland and has an inherited love of mountains. He has painted in the national parks of the west and is well known for his landscapes and paintings of wild flowers. In Western North Carolina he has painted Mt. Mitchell, Celo mountain, Beech mountain and two scenes of Grandfather mountain. His best known painting is "We at Daybreak," a painting of the first Lindbergh flight. Mr. Pfister's pictures have been exhibited widely in the United States.

Another well known painter who will exhibit is J. W. de R. Quistgaard. Mr. Quistgaard is a widely known portrait painter. Among others he has painted Theodore Roosevelt, Norman H. Davis, Charles M. Schwab and Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of England. Mr. Quistgaard has painted in Denmark, France and England and has been honored by the governments of Denmark and France.



Above is a group that met in Waynesville last Thursday to discuss Highway No. 284—Waynesville to Brevard. Kneeling, left to right: Dr. S. P. Gay, Waynesville; Rev. Paul Hartsell, Brevard; and Otto Alexander, Brevard. Standing, left to right, J. H. Howell, Waynesville; W. Curtis Russ, Waynesville; J. Dale Stentz, Waynesville; J. W. Ray, Waynesville; Ernest L. Withers, Waynesville; W. E. Breese, Brevard; Charles E. Ray, Waynesville; Frank W. Miller, Waynesville; W. W. Zachary, Brevard; D. McDougald, Brevard; C. M. Douglas, Brevard; B. S. Marsh, Waynesville; H. H. Patton, Brevard; W. D. Gash, Brevard, and R. L. Prevost, Hazelwood. W. T. Shelton attended the meeting but was not present when the picture was made.

Warren Alexander Is Advertising Believer

"It pays to advertise." Ask Warren Alexander of Brevard RFD 2 and you'll be convinced. Four weeks ago Young Mr. Alexander paid 25 cents for a want ad in The Times, and in three weeks time he had sold a total of 44,050 sweet potato plants.

At a dime per hundred Warren collected \$44.05 during the three weeks, which is not half bad for a young man in any community. Aside from the fact that The Transylvania Times is proud of the pulling power of its advertising columns, there is also something else to be proud of—

The entire cost of the plant bed to Warren will not be over five dollars, and he still has some more sales to report since the \$44.05 was checked in.

The strip of land that he used for his bed was not being used—thrown out of a cultivated field as not worth the trouble. Man power and determination such as would behoove lots of other folk in Transylvania county to use played a vital part in the potato plant project, the young fellow carrying leaf mold and wood dirt a considerable distance to make the plant bed productive.

Making Up Tax Lists

Lem Brooks, tax collector for the county, and Harry Patton for the town of Brevard are working on lists of delinquent taxpayers in the county and town, which lists will be published in August, and cost of advertising added to the tax payment.

Perhaps the exhibitor of most interest to Brevard and Transylvania county will be Lorene Payne. Miss Payne is one of the local painters who has developed her talent through study and work. Her works are painted with the egg emulsion in the method used by the old masters and will not fade. She will exhibit a small painting, "Soldiers on the Hudson," typical of New York life. The original is in the museum of Radio city. She will also exhibit a portrait of a baby, a baptismal scene and some other pictures of this nature.

Audrea Patterson of Greenville will exhibit scenes. Some of these are paintings of the local section. An article of unusual interest which will be on exhibit is the original Tom Thumb chair. Tom Thumb was made famous by P. T. Barnum. Mrs. H. N. Carrier, who is the granddaughter of Mr. Barnum, is the owner of the chair.

One of the oldest articles exhibited will be a shot gun used in the Revolutionary war. This is owned by S. P. Verner. Mr. Verner will also exhibit a battle axe made by natives of the Belgian Congo. This axe is made of wrought iron and copper mined by the natives themselves. This is an article of the collection brought to the Smithsonian Institute by Mr. Verner.

Attention is called to the fact that all articles exhibited may be removed from the building after 10 o'clock Saturday night. A silver offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

Seeks Religious Services

Lieut. A. P. Nesbit, commander of Camp NC-66, North Brevard, issues invitation to any ministers of the community to hold services at his camp, preferably at the evening meal hour during the week.

Lieut. Nesbit is well pleased with the situation at 66, and states that he believes the camp will prove of benefit to the community.

Local Festival Entries

Several entries from Transylvania county will be made in the annual Mountain Song and Dance Festival to be held in Asheville on August 1, 2 and 3 at the baseball park.

A square dance team will be led by Dr. Carl Hardin with other entries being made by individuals and groups.

Revival Services At Little River Church

Revival services, which began at Little River Baptist church Sunday, will continue through this week. The Rev. M. C. Looper of Fort Worth, Texas, is doing the preaching at each service at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock at night. A splendid attendance and much interest are evident in the special series of meetings. Mr. Looper is assisting the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Hillman, in the meeting.

On Sunday morning a revival will begin at the Enon Baptist church, in a ten-day series of meetings, conducted by Rev. Mr. Looper.

The public is invited to attend all services at both the Little River and the Enon church this week and next week.

Tiny Tot Finds Home With Brevard Couple

"What's this! Santa Claus come in the summer time!" were among the first exclamations of delighted surprise when Mr. and Mrs. Winston Ashworth walked into their living room Friday night and saw a bundle of tiny humanity wrapped in a blanket on the settee. Further investigation proved it to be a real live sleeping baby boy.

A note pinned to the baby's dress gave the information that his birth was May 19, 1935, and stated also the formula for mixing the milk which was in a bottle nearby. The two-month-old infant was fully clothed, with several sets of other clothing left on the settee with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth, who have no children of their own, express delight over the possession of the tiny tot thrust upon them, and are making preparations for legally adopting the child. They have given him the name of Charles Winston Ashworth.

In explanation of the facts leading up to the finding of the nameless and forsaken little boy in the Ashworth home, Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth had returned to their home about 8 o'clock from a brief visit not far away. They drove into their driveway, alighting from their car

at the rear of the house, and were joined there almost immediately by Dr. C. L. Newland, a friend of the family, whom Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth had seen driving in his car behind them before they entered the driveway. The three of them, entering the kitchen, were joined there in a very few minutes by Mrs. Ashworth's younger brother, who had remained in the house while his sister and her husband were away on their errand. After a few minutes of laughing and talking in the rear of the house, the group of four passed on through the dining room and into the living room. The first sight that greeted and surprised them on entering was the strange little sleeping babe on the settee, accompanied by the bundle of clothing and bottles of milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth state that the baby's parentage being unknown to them is of little consequence compared with the happiness they feel in the possession of their newly acquired little son. They were unable to explain the baby's entrance into the house. He is a beautiful, blue-eyed babe, his fuzzy topped head just turning to light brown, plump and healthy in appearance and altogether appealing to one's heart strings.

Many People Attend Old Toxaway Event

Four hundred or more people gathered at the Old Toxaway Baptist church Sunday to attend the annual home coming day in what was generally pronounced the most successful reunion held at this church in many years.

An excellent sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. N. H. Chapman, featured the morning's program. Interesting talks were made by a number of others. Singing by various quartets was enjoyed during the afternoon. Included in the quartets were the Rampey and Moonlight quartets of Central, S. C., the Griffin quartet of Pickens, S. C., and the Riverside quartet of Rosman. Another enjoyable part of the day's program was a duet sung by the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Galloway.

Dinner was served picnic style on the grounds at noon, and a beautiful supply of chicken and everything good to eat was reported to be on hand, with a generous amount of food still left after all had eaten to their satisfaction.

Florida Visitor To Be Guest of C. of C.

An unusual treat is in store for all who attend the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday night (tonight) at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Franklin M. (Buck) Sawyer, secretary of the Cocoa, Fla., Chamber of Commerce has accepted an invitation to be in Brevard and speak at this meeting tonight. Mr. Sawyer is stopping at Mountain Meadows inn near Asheville for his vacation and incidentally urging cooperation of Florida and Western North Carolina interests in the tourist business. Mr. Sawyer is seeking persons who come in contact with tourists and advising that Western North Carolina cooperate with the Indian River section of his state in routing tourists.

It is urged by Chamber of Commerce officials that all directors, members and interested friends attend the meeting tonight and hear Mr. Sawyer speak on matters of interest to this section.

Looking Glass Creek Section To Be First In Link To Get Underway---More In August

Budget Estimate of County Shows Same Rate As Last Year

Summary of the Transylvania county budget estimate for the fiscal year is being carried on another page of this issue of the paper, and, as stated last week, the estimate for the year's levy will be \$1.55 on the hundred dollar valuation.

Taking into consideration the fact that the assessed valuation of all property in the county was cut in half two years ago the rate of \$1.55 on the hundred dollar valuation is very nominal. The board of commissioners in going over the budget was of the opinion that people would strive much harder to pay a small assessment than they would one larger.

Very few changes were made in the budget estimates from that of last year, the county general remaining the same at .17; county home and farm the same at .05; outside poor the same at .03; health department raised from .05 to .08; debt service cut from .98 to .95; with the school supplement remaining at .27.

Final adoption of the budget for the year will not be made until the first Monday in August.

Tanners Play at Enka

The Transylvania Tanners team will play at Enka Saturday afternoon, the game to be called at 3:30 o'clock.

Last Saturday afternoon the local nine defeated Tryon on the latter's diamond by the score of 4-1 in a game that was interesting from start to finish. Barley was pitcher for the Brevard team.

Dance at F-14 Friday

An invitation dance is being given on Friday night of this week by officers and personnel of CCC F-14.

This is one of a series of social events that is being sponsored by the camps in this section.

Brendall at Kiwanis

Speaker at the regular weekly Kiwanis meeting this Thursday noon at the England Home will be Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of the Methodist church. An interesting program is assured all who attend.

AT LYDAY HOSPITAL

Patients reported at Lyday Memorial hospital on Wednesday were: Lucien English, Ollie Parsons, James Carson, E. Lee Bourne, Arthur Wilson, Mrs. H. A. Pell, Lieut. Charles Johnson, Robert Leather, Robert Gaines, J. I. Ayers, Jeff Lewis, Oscar Parker, William Reynolds, Robert Moyer, O. O. Moore, Howard Rector and Luther Buchanan.

Court Recessed Tuesday Until Monday Morning--Few Criminal Cases Heard

Superior Court convened here Monday morning with Judge W. S. Harding of Charlotte presiding and Solicitor Clarence O. Ridings of Forest City representing the state. G. A. Thomasson of Asheville is court reporter.

Very few people were in attendance at the first day of court due to the very inclement weather, and the further fact that there were to be very few criminal cases tried at this session.

The last legislative changed the status of the July-August term for this county, it having heretofore been for the trial of civil cases only and many of the criminal cases that have been sent up from magistrate and mayor court and those continued were docketed for trial at the December term. Decision was made by the bar association in conference with Solicitor Ridings Monday morning that only jail cases would be tried.

Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon for the week with the case of state against Melvin Owen, charged with the killing of Harry McCall, set for hearing Monday morning.

True bills were returned by the grand jury against Owen, Glen Williams for rape, and Will Gravelly for assault with intent to kill. The grand jury completed its work Monday and was dismissed by Judge Harding. Examination of county institutions and offices was not made, this work to be done by the grand jury in December.

Glenn Williams, charged with

Commission Will Visit Transylvania at Early Date To Check Over Complete Route

RALEIGH—Contract was awarded Wednesday by the state highway commission in Raleigh to W. H. Anderson Construction company of Asheville for immediate building of five miles of Highway 284—Brevard to Waynesville. The section on which work is to begin immediately is known as the Looking Glass project in Transylvania county, about four miles from the top of the mountain.

Anderson company was low bidder on the letting at \$131,230.00, while low bid for building of the necessary bridges was by Rickenbacker Construction company of Union, S. C., at \$50,391.50.

The letting came soon after a delegation from Haywood and Transylvania counties appeared in a special hearing before chairman of the commission, Capus M. Waynick. During the course of the hearing the fact was brought out that another \$100,000 had been designated for construction of part of the road on the Haywood county side of the mountain. This contract is expected to be awarded during August. Just whether the \$100,000 will be spent on the stretch of road from Woodrow to Springdale or on the mountain was not stated.

The highway has been put on the federal road system, which is an assurance that it will be built. Mr. Waynick told the delegation Tuesday that the commission had already committed themselves as to "going ahead and building the entire road." The point the delegation was most interested in was "when." To this question, Mr. Waynick gave assurance that as soon as funds were available.

The commission is busy this week making allotments of the funds for the coming year but it will be some time before any definite amount can be "earmarked" for the work on this road. Chairman Waynick did say, however, that some of this year's funds would go on No. 284.

It was the opinion of the officials that a total of approximately \$500,000 would be needed to complete the road from Waynesville to Brevard. Others were of the opinion that it could be built for much less. Engineers have completed the field work on most of the road and the office work will be completed in time for the August meeting of the commission, the delegation was told. The proposed route will be six miles shorter than the present distance, making a distance of 34 miles from Brevard to Waynesville.

Mr. Waynick promised the delegation that he and other members of the commission would be in the Brevard section within the next few weeks, and make a personal survey

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rape, submitted to plea of guilty of a charge of assault on a female with intent to commit rape and was sentenced to ten years in state prison.

Jack Brewer submitted plea of guilty violation prohibition laws and was sentenced to sixty days. Dorsey Paxton plead guilty violation prohibition laws and was given 60 days. Will Gravelly charged with assault with intent to kill, was allowed to enter plea of trespass, and judgment was continued until the December term. Capias was ordered issued for Sammy Morris charged with non-support.

Solicitor Ridings stated Monday that he would ask for a verdict of second degree murder in the case against Melvin Owen charged with the death of Harry McCall. According to evidence given at the inquest held immediately following the death of McCall on May 30, J. L. Owen is alleged to have severely beaten McCall with a rock after the two men had an altercation in the highway near the home of McCall. McCall died in Lyday Memorial hospital here Tuesday morning following the fight on Sunday.

Jury for the second week of court follows: L. C. Case Jr., B. W. Hamlin, John H. Keener, M. G. Cunningham, M. O. McCall, Pierce Aiken, J. C. Cassell, William Hogsd, W. L. Bishop, H. R. Corn, Wallace Gillespie, O. C. Merrell, James R. Whitmire, Harrison W. Miller, Otis Merrell, Tilden Reece, Calvin Galloway, Byron Olney.