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Congratulations To 1953 Graduates

Next week is graduation time in Brevard and Transylvania county, and large classes at Brevard and Rosman high schools will receive diplomas next Tuesday night. Brevard college also has a fine graduating class, and we take pleasure in saluting the graduates at the three schools.

Education is the backbone of all constructive progress in a democracy and every year we take pleasure in turning the spotlight of publicity upon our schools, so that our readers may have a better understanding of our educational progress and of the educational needs of today.

For the 1953 graduate, commencement means the beginning of careers at an unparalleled time in history. The struggle between democracy and communism is being waged; scientists are daily discovering and expanding new fields which open doors to careers unheard of a few years ago; the churches are realizing as never before that an extra effort must be made to expand the teachings of Christ at home

and abroad. This is indeed a challenging age filled with unequalled opportunity.

Many high school graduates will enter college to secure more education and this is indeed fortunate; for in this new scientific age, additional education will be found useful.

Others will enter military service and this may delay some of your future plans. But along with the opportunity of serving your country you will be getting an education in many branches of learning. There are many advantages to military training, which cannot be discounted.

Along with our congratulations to the '53 graduate, our sincere best wishes for continued success. Graduation is an achievement and an inspiration, and commencement should serve as an opportunity for broader fields of service.

It has been said that success does not come from talent alone, but from concentration and perseverance, and this is a hint well worth remembering by the graduate of today.

Higher Education, A Wise Investment

Have we looked around recently and considered the close relation between education and standards of living? Of course there are exceptions to all rules, but figures show that the more education a person gets, the greater the earning power and hence the higher standard of living.

The results of a survey made recently reveal that it is not a question of college graduates finding jobs, but deciding the job to take.

Job placement officials in schools across the nation reported that in many cases jobs are so plentiful students already have started choosing between five or 10 offers, with starting salaries ranging from \$250 to \$700 a month.

Officials said the demand for graduates in engineering and other technical fields was so much greater than the supply that employers are not waiting for job applications.

This bright picture for the graduates was attributed to the large number of workers needed to man the nation's defense effort and to the large manpower drain of the armed forces.

Secretaries also are in great demand among the schools' prospective graduates.

There are many other special opportunities for those who are properly trained. Isn't this reason enough for every high school graduate to make a sincere effort to continue their education. To those who do not go to college, we offer the suggestion that they take some training in some trade or profession to which they are best suited. They will find education will not only pay dividends in standards of living, but will enable them to accomplish more and to live a fuller life in many ways.

We know of no better paying investment. History has proven, over and over again, that although the financial struggle to secure an education, may seem hard at the time, the investment has always paid great dividends. If there are those who think the extra time spent on special education is wasted, we only ask that they look around and see the successful examples, which prove conclusively that education is both time and money well spent.

Salute To Competition

A businessman has a plaque on a wall above his desk which reads as follows:

"My competitors do more for me than my friends do; my friends are too polite to point out my weaknesses, but my competitors go to great expense to advertise them.

"My competitors are efficient, diligent and attentive; they make me search for ways to improve my products and services.

"My competitors would take my business away from me, if they could; this keeps me alert to hold what I have.

"If I had no competitors I would be lazy, incompetent, inattentive; I need the discipline they enforce upon me.

"I salute my competitors; they have been good to me. God bless them all!"

Business competition takes many forms. Sometimes it is in price. Other times it is in the quality of service. Other times still it is in some innovation which people find interesting and attractive. Whatever the

form, competition—which exists in its true state only in a free economy—is the greatest force for progress that exists.

Paragraphics....

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

One of the greatest victories you can gain over a man is to beat him at politeness.

In the old days the hand that rocked the cradle ruled the world . . . now it gets about 50 cents an hour.

In some folks the coating of civilization is so thin it comes off with a little alcohol.

Speaking of crops, the new farm creed 'pears to be faith, hope, and parity.

FIRE FACTS

MAKE SPRING HOUSECLEANING COUNT!

CHECK EVERY AREA FOR FIRE HAZARDS:

ATTIC

CLOSETS

GARAGE

BASEMENT

CLEAR OUT ACCUMULATED RUBBISH...
CHECK HEATING PLANT, ELECTRIC WIRING...
STORE PAINTS, OILS AND OTHER INFLAMMABLES
IN CLOSED METAL CONTAINERS

Comments From Our Readers . . .

LETTERS TO THE TIMES

Dallas, Texas
May 15, 1953
The Editor,
Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C.
Dear Sir:
I am requesting a change of address on my paper. I received my first copy and I sure enjoy every word of it because it's just like a big letter from home. My wife and I are both from the Little

River community of the county and of course we claim Brevard as our home town.
We love to live here in Dallas and have many new friends but there is still no place like home.
Please change my address to read:
2140 Stovall Drive
Dallas 16, Texas
Thank you sincerely,
PAUL E. MERRILL

PICK OF THE PRESS IN THE CAROLINAS

JONATHAN WOODY
(Tar Heel Banker)
The constitution of this association provides that the president shall serve one term only, and for this reason, Jonathan Woody will step down this month as your president.

But before we turn him out to graze in the more peaceful pastures of Haywood county, we want to pay him a tribute for his inspiring leadership during the past year. No man ever took his duties more seriously and with more concern for all of the banks of the state than has Jonathan Woody.

Long known as the most colorful banker in the state, he brought that into full flower in our association and will leave behind him a record of accomplishment hard to equal. He was always available and ready when duty called, and brought all of his personal magnetism into the solving of the many difficult problems facing our bankers today.

Last, but far from least, it was a delightful experience to work with him, and to walk with him along uncharted roads leading to better banking.
You have done a good job, Mr. President, and we salute you.

TWO GOOD APPOINTMENTS
(Waynesville Mountaineer)
Haywood county can well be joyful over the appointments made by Governor William B. Umstead in naming A. H. "Sandy"

Graham as chairman of the highway commission and Harry Buchanan as district chairman.

Both of these gentlemen are loyal friends of Haywood, and it can also be said, that Haywood has always been loyal to both of these competent men.
It was Mr. Graham, as chairman of the highway commission under former Governor Cherry, that announced the initial allocation of \$450,000 for construction of the Pigeon River road. It was the same Mr. Graham, who also as chairman, went on record at a meeting here in Waynesville, that he considered the Soco Gaps-Balsam Gap link of the Blue Ridge Parkway as the number one priority for new construction.

At the time Mr. Graham ran for the nomination as governor of this state, Haywood was the only county in the west that gave him a majority of the votes cast.

In Mr. Graham, this county has a friend, and a man who in the past has proven his loyalty and interest in Haywood.

While chairman of the commission before, Mr. Graham made special stress of area projects, and sought those projects which would be worth the most to the largest number of people. It was during his administration that Haywood adopted the same policy and has consistently followed it through.

As district commissioner, Mr. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, is —Turn to Page Seven

FROM OUR FILES

GLANCING BACKWARD AT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

11 YEARS AGO
(From The Files of The Times)
Ninety-nine Brevard college seniors are candidates for graduation at the eighth annual graduation exercises which will be held in the college auditorium on Tuesday morning, May 26, Dean C. E. Buckner has announced. Eight of the seniors are Transylvanians.

Downpour of rain in Transylvania county Tuesday night and Wednesday morning brought to flood stage the French Broad river and numerous small streams in the area, and the hazard was not yet passed Wednesday afternoon at press time.

Organization of officers and trustees has been effected for Transylvania Community Hospi-

tal, Inc., the new building for which has just been completed on Country Club road.

Robert J. Huggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Huggins, is now attending the army technician school.

Mrs. A. F. York is visiting her husband in Spartanburg, S. C., where he is manager of an A & P store.

Sgt. Earl C. Moore, of Balsam Grove, in this county, is stationed at Fort Bragg. He has been in the army about two years.

Miss Frances Walker returned this week from a visit of several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carpenter in Orlando, Fla.

BEHIND THE NEWS . . .

From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



ART AND MONEY

When I think of the Metropolitan Opera and the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the zoos and all the universities and colleges begging for money and not getting enough, it would seem that something has gone wrong in American thinking that requires discussion. I recently heard an appeal from the negro colleges, a very worthy cause, and these appeals for funds for universities and many ask me to write columns about them. If I did so for every worthy institution, it would be regular fare in this space.

The Ford Foundation, for instance, possesses huge sums of money which can do good every year. This foundation exists on the profits earned by the Ford Motor company, not in the past when Henry Ford was alive, but now as a going concern. It is spending this money on all sorts of projects, some of which are fantastic, like giving \$15,000,000 to the fund for the republic to investigate the congressional investigations. I understand that the first \$1,000,000 is to be spent to find out if there is any reason why the fund for the republic should spend the remainder. It is as peculiar as that.

But one sees no announcement that the Ford Foundation has done anything for America. The Ford Foundation could say that everything it does is beneficial to the United States, but that is a matter of study and judgment.

Here is the Metropolitan Opera association performing wonders in the presentation of opera. It has had translations made of a number of classics into English and presented them with brilliant artistry. I recently witnessed a thrilling, exciting performance of "Boris Godunov" in English at the Met which I am sure that I shall never forget. I saw a new staging of "Samson and Delilah" which was even better than that to this opera. It would benefit the United States if such performances were given in a large number of cities. But there is no money.

Why cannot some of the money that the Ford Foundation is spending on opera be used constructively for the saving of opera? Or perhaps those who manage this board are tone deaf. Per-

haps they dislike all music except the rubbing of tin upon tin. After all, Henry Ford, the creator, liked to listen to the fiddler play old American dance music. Yet, it may be true that his seniors prefer bebop to opera, which is a matter of taste.

But then there is so much to which those who have the money can contribute apart from putting on a television show for adults and infants—shows which are not unlike those put on by advertising agencies. Universities, in particular, are short of funds and some are even closing down some valuable courses because they lack the money to keep them going on adequately high levels. Several of the most celebrated American universities have been so hit down by the depreciation of our currency that they are withering away.

The better institutions of the American people have, for three centuries on this continent, been financed out of the private generosity of the American people rather than by the statutes of government. It has been a characteristic of our people to give freely to learning, to the arts, for the advancement of medicine, and to many other good causes. Such institutions have enjoyed freedom of purpose and action because they have not been bound to the fiat of government.

Taxes, during the past 20 years, have been so high that it has become increasingly difficult for the private person to give large amounts. The rich are being taxed out of existence. Men whose gross earnings are \$100,000 a year—the big figures—no longer net enough, on account of high taxes, to be able to give much. Therefore many important institutions, through themselves in financial difficulties, and as no tax relief is in sight in the United States, although Great Britain and Canada have been able to make tax cuts, the last hope are the foundations.

So, the question that arises is the foundations using their money in the public interest or have they become an instrument for tax evasion? A committee of congress moved into this question but its chairman, Eugene Cox, became ill and died. The investigation petered out. It should be consumed in able hands so that we may have the advantage of the truth.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



This is still a great country and full of opportunity for those who have ambition, faith, industry, and who are not watching the clock and pay day. In my ministry of 25 years I have seen many climb the ladder of success.

I've just finished a long distance telephone conversation with a man whose progress in the business world has matched his spiritual growth. He called me to express his sympathy on the recent home-going of my father.

I remember the first time he came into my study some years ago. He was certainly bedraggled looking in every way. He had gotten off the bus at the wrong corner and had to walk a considerable distance in the rain. His clothes looked like they were shrinking up and he did also. That night I induced him to try the partnership plan for his life, making God the Senior Partner. Since that time I have watched him grow with great satisfaction. I have before me now a letter from him written some time ago when he had been called into the home office for an interview and training with a view to promotion to a much more responsible position. He wrote: "It's been a rough week, but half of it is over. What makes it so rough is that the executives ignore me all the while they are looking me over. The other men ignore me because if I get the job I will be over them. So I am right in the middle. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I do thank you for what you have done for me in past years."

Incidentally, he got the job over 20 others who were being interviewed for it. The entire group remained at the home office over the week end. They were under close scrutiny during the whole time. When the president notified him of his appointment he observed, "You were the only man in that group who went to church over the week end. That didn't hurt you."

My friend is just one of many who have adopted the "God is my Senior Partner Plan" which we continually advocated in this column. It is the only way to operate a business or a life. I am observing more and more successful men and women who have adopted this plan, like my friend who recently gave me the long distance call. At the end of our telephone visit, we followed the same plan we had observed in previous interviews in person, we had prayer together over the telephone.

I am seeing more real demonstrations of religion in the business world today than I have ever before. That spiritual revival which is sweeping the world is doing so on the layman's level. Some of them are out-preaching the preachers. It is my conviction that Christian laymen are giving more leadership to this spiritual revival than are the ministers.

Remember that the "God is my Senior Partner Plan" calls for your meeting Him the first thing in the morning to establish contact, communion during the day, and re-communion of yourself at night ere you go to bed. Try this out. It's a wonderful workable plan.