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Congratulations To The '54 Graduate

It's graduation time in Transylvania, a joyous time for the boys and girls receiving their diplomas. It's a challenging time, a few brief moments to pause for a salute on a goal attained and a time to look ahead to a brighter, a richer tomorrow.

A record number of graduates will receive diplomas both here at Brevard and at Rosman. Brevard college also has a fine graduating class, and we take great 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 1954 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.

Along with our congratulations to the '54 graduates go 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.

Interest Is Vital In Peabody Report

Much favorable comment has been voiced throughout the county on the Peabody Report compiled on the public schools. It is vital that each citizen take an interest in this report and its effects on the growth and progress of public education in Transylvania.

The report shows that instruction is being seriously handicapped in the high schools because of lack of classrooms and equipment. The Peabody professors could not have more strongly recommended that one high school be built in the county to care for all students in grades nine through twelve. This was one of the main recommendations of the report, which should serve as a blueprint for all future growth in buildings and the teaching program.

One consolidated high school will relieve the other crowded conditions and provide equal opportunity for the education of all high school youths. The present high schools will care for the junior high groups, or sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The new high school would be designed to care for a minimum of 800 students. Today there are 708 boys and girls in Rosman and Brevard high school and the enrollment is at the lowest it has been since September. At Brevard there are 500 enrolled (compared to 553 prior to Christmas) and at Rosman 208 boys and girls are studying.

By consolidation it will be possible to hire more and better teachers to carry on a high school program that the report

points out is badly in need of revamping. A more complete program of home economics, vocational agriculture and the industrial arts will be possible with the added facilities, as well as a gymnasium and space for indoor and outdoor recreation.

This consolidation is in line with what other schools throughout North Carolina are doing. Since World War II the 14 high schools in Mecklenburg county have been merged into junior highs and three senior high schools. In New Hanover county on the coast one tremendous senior high school now serves Wilmington and the entire county. In nearby Rutherford county the board of education is now considering consolidation of the ten existing schools into three senior and three junior high schools.

The report shows that much must be done if the children of Transylvania are to receive the education to which they are entitled. However, many of these will have to be included in a long range program.

Several of the recommendations should receive immediate attention. Among them are provisions for sick pay for teachers, a revision of the bus schedule or either shortening of school hours so some children will not be gone from home for as long as nine hours, hiring of more clerical help, provision of more materials and improvements to the small schools in upper Transylvania. It is also gratifying to see that the board is already endeavoring to hire only teachers with standard certificates for next year.

Great Statesman Passes

Transylvanians joined with the rest of the state and nation in mourning the passing of Senator Clyde R. Hoey last week.

The tall, white-haired statesman, who stood as a symbol of the fading Southern gentleman on the senate floor, was a familiar figure in Transylvania county. On many occasions he spoke at gatherings in the county and at Ecusta in recent years.

Each time he endeared himself to local people with his understanding of problems and hopes, and his flowery oratory was always most impressive, almost hypnotic.

Senator Hoey succumbed in the manner he would have wished to, with "his boots on."

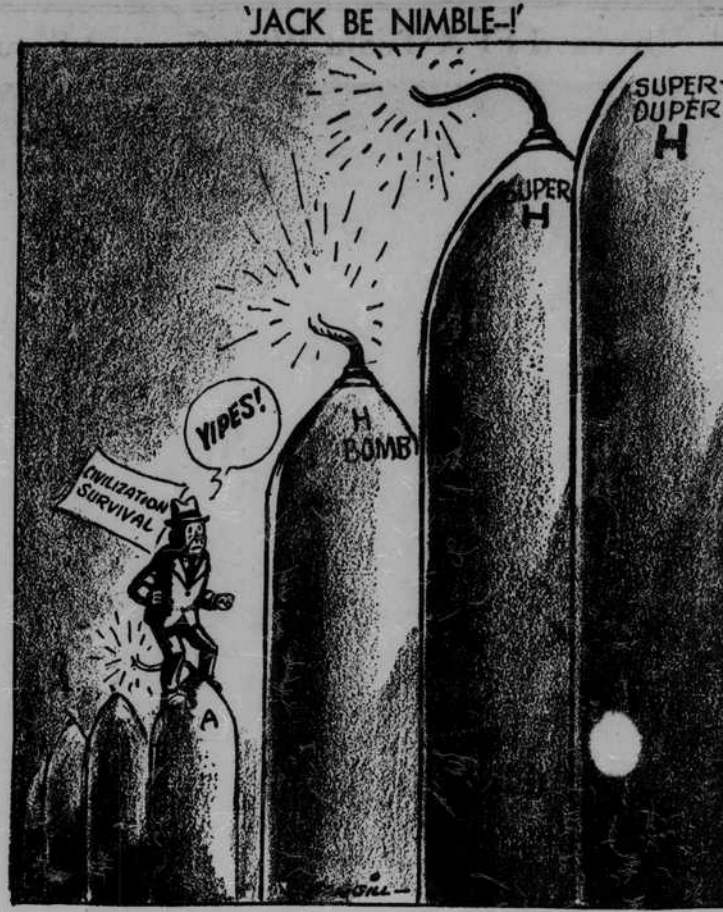
For almost a half century, Senator Hoey was in forefront of politics, having

served in both branches of the general assembly and in both branches of congress. He was also one of North Carolina's most popular governors, adding much to the dignity of the office.

Senator Hoey lived long and served well the people of North Carolina and these United States.

It would seem that the richest years of his life of service was after he had reached his "three score years and 10." He gave unsparingly of his energy to duty and to friends.

Senator Hoey's contributions to government, to the people and to the church will long be remembered and they will stand as an inspiration to all Americans desiring to make this a better, happier and more prosperous state and nation in which to live.



Comments From Our Readers . . .

LETTERS TO THE TIMES

May 8, 1954

Mr. John Anderson
Editor, Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C.

Dear Editor Anderson:
Just now received The Times and am very sorry to learn of the death of my good friend Mr. John Duckworth. Also Mr. Taylor Lee, of Pickens, S. C., both of whom I was very well acquainted with and had utter respects for both men. Through your paper I would like to send their families my deepest sympathy. I have noticed from The Times we have had lots of deaths throughout the county.

I receive a lot of mail from friends of mine in the county which I enjoy receiving very much. It sure builds up your morale when you are in the hospital. I also receive mail from people I don't know. They got my address from The Times. I have always made it a practice to answer all mail I receive. But I have been in the hospital now over three

months and a lot of times I don't feel like writing. I send my appreciation to all of them through your paper.
In this hospital we have the very best of service and attention. We have our chaplains of all denominations in the hospital every day. We also have the Red Cross which is at your service at all times. We have special services, also a VA office.
A navy boy said to me the other day, "Do you ever hear from the pastor of your church?" I laughed and said "No." I know he is busy and the navy boy laughed. He said my chaplain comes to see me every day and I believe he does. They are in and out of my quarters most every day.
I enjoy getting The Times every week. Wishing all of you good luck and good health,
As ever,
ECK L. SIMS
USNH, Ward 73, South Great Lakes, Ill.

FROM OUR FILES

GLANCING BACKWARD AT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

13 YEARS AGO
Word was received here last week that Pat Kimzey, local citizen, has been reappointed on the State Industrial Commission by Governor J. M. Broughton.

Charlie Murphy, Brevard barber for many years, is opening a new barber shop on East Main street opposite the court house, and hopes to be ready to open for business tomorrow, Friday.

Edward B. Clayton returned last Monday from Ruffin, where he taught and coached in the Ruffin high school the past year.

The Brevard college track and field squad, coached by Leonard

W. Roberts, took second place in the State Junior College conference track and field meet held at High Point college last Saturday.

C. E. Buckner, dean of Brevard college, has issued a list of candidates for graduation here at 1941 commencement exercises, June 10.

Final plans have been made for the Jaycee May dance tonight at the country club at which the Carolina Buccaneers from Asheville will play.

A Demolay Degree team from Asheville will come to Brevard Friday night to confer the First

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4. Perform
7. A creed
9. Clamor
12. Theater seats
13. Apportion
14. Misuse
16. Man's name
17. Silver coin (Peru)
18. Scorch
20. Thoron (abbr.)
21. Pierce with a dagger
23. Famous mission (poss.)
25. Expression
27. Girl's name
28. Native of Crete
31. At one time
34. Behold!
35. Not hot
37. Skill
38. Oriental nurse
40. Larva of an insect
42. Whiter
44. River (Yugo.)
45. Breathe noisily in sleep
46. Driving reins
47. Large worm
48. Ovum

DOWN

1. Adjust
2. March date
3. Attitudinize
4. Miscellany
5. Western state
6. Slant
7. Kind
8. Mechanical
10. — voice; in undertone
11. English boys' school
15. Body of salt water
19. A wing
22. Slaughters
24. Directing state
26. Assam measure
28. Applauds
29. Native of Rome
30. Name (Fr.)
32. Ugly old woman
33. Girl's name (poss.)
38. Cup-like spoon

ANSWER

39. Genus of lily
41. Cricket (Dial.)
43. Property (L.)

BEHIND THE NEWS . . .

From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Republican party lost five presidential elections, but maintained a sizeable following: 1932, 15,761,841; 1936, 16,679,583; 1940, 22,304,755; 1944, 22,006,278; 1948, 21,970,065.

In some of these elections, it was clear from the votes for governors and senators that many Republicans were not voting for their party's candidate for president. Republican politicians have estimated that as many as 5,000,000 Republicans either did not vote for their candidate for president or stayed away from the elections. In the 1952 campaign, the Advertising Council and other bodies put on a campaign to ballyhoo the election, to get the citizens to vote. Dwight D. Eisenhower garnered a vote of 33,936,252, which not only was enormous but which gave evidence that many Democrats, particularly in southern states, crossed party lines and voted for the Republican candidate for president.

But they did not cross party lines to vote for Republican candidates for senators and members of the House of Representatives. Therefore President Eisenhower has had an inadequate working majority in either house. For some reason, not understandable to practical politicians, President Eisenhower and his strategists assumed that he could combine Republicans and Democrats in support of his leadership. However, whenever a vote has been taken, as recently in the matter of the Taft-Hartley law, or actions in various committees of congress, the Democrats have voted against Eisenhower with a discipline which was not evident when Truman was president.

On the other hand, the Republicans have shown no such discipline or unity since Robert A. Taft died. It would seem to be each man for himself. The Republican National Committee has lost its relationship to the rank and file of the party. While in the House of Representatives, the so-called "leadership" does exercise a large measure of authority, in the Senate it is altogether missing.

The attempt of the "leadership" to reduce the influence of Senator Joe McCarthy has failed to accomplish its goal and they now face the prospect of a running fight with him on the fundamental White House program.

The Republicans face the practical problem of saving themselves between now and November. If the present "leadership" cannot do better than it has up to now, the election of 1954 could be disastrous.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



"Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow; it only saps today of its strength." Digest these lines. They are taken from an article in the May Reader's Digest, "How to Stop Worrying," by the noted doctor-writer, A. J. Cronin. Read the article for yourself as the author gives his prescription for dealing with "Private Enemy No. 1."

Dr. Cronin says that the secret enemy of worry is responsible for more casualties and greater suffering than almost any other scourge. He says, "As medical men know, worry can actually induce organic disease." Pointing to the universality of worry, Dr. Cronin offers this estimate of what most people worry about: "Things that never happen: 40 per cent. Things over and past that can't be changed by all the worry in the world: 30 per cent. Needless health worries: 12 per cent. Petty miscellaneous worries: 10 per cent. Real legitimate worries: 8 per cent."

Get out your pencil now and make your worry list. After you have made the list, then classify your worries. Use Dr. Cronin's yardstick. You might also deal with them in the terms of the old prayer ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change those things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Dr. Cronin says that self-pity is the root of many of our worries. He tells how, when he was a practicing physician in London, one of his patients, a young married woman, was stricken with infantile paralysis. "She was sent to a good hospital where it soon became apparent that she was responding to treatment and would eventually recover. Some weeks later I received a visit from her husband. In a state of tenseness and nervous-upset, he complained of sleeplessness and inability to concentrate. After a checkup I found nothing whatever the matter with him. But when I suggested that he get back to his job, he turned on me furiously: 'My wife is seriously ill. Do you expect me to go on as though nothing has happened? Haven't you any feelings for me?' The basic cause of his worry was self-pity, masquerading as concern for his wife."

Dr. Cronin comes to a most arresting conclusion, "Worry, in the final analysis, is a form of atheism, a denial of the human need of God. It is like saying, 'I shall never get the better of this, for there is no God to help me.'"

Jesus Christ repeatedly warned His hearers and warns us concerning worry. He said, "Take therefore no (anxious) thought for the morrow . . ."

Read Dr. Cronin's article if you can. If you are a professing Christian it will make you re-examine the whole structure of your faith. The good doctor offers an excellent prescription for treating "Private Enemy No. 1"—Worry.