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Brevard College On The March!

Friends of Brevard college who will return this week end for graduation exercises and the dedication of the new centennial gateway will undoubtedly note and be impressed by the progress that is being made at the local educational institution.

Today the outlook for Brevard college is perhaps brighter than it has ever been during the more than 100 years of the college's lifetime.

Back in 1853 the institution had its beginning, when Rutherford college was chartered. Then in 1872 Weaver college, located near Weaverville, was started and those two Methodist institutions were consolidated into Brevard college in 1934.

Throughout the years, Brevard college and its two former institutions were constantly confronted with financial problems and lack of equipment and adequate buildings.

Today, thanks to many friends and the largest endowment fund in the history of the college, the college's position is financially secure, and the school will end the year in the black.

Brevard college is also fully accredited, and the institution has a fine faculty and a growing student body. New buildings have been erected on the campus and extensive repair and remodeling work has been completed on others.

With Edwin Jones as chairman of the board and with President Robert H. Stamey directing the institution, Brevard college should continue to go forward in a sound, progressive and valuable way.

Ministers and laymen of the Methodist church are showing more interest in the college and the Brevard community is likewise displaying a renewed interest in it.

Brevard college is making a wonderful contribution to the educational and religious life of Western North Carolina. It is one of the town's major assets and we urge our people to boost it, to back it with their dollars and to encourage their sons and daughters to go there to college.

The Times wishes for the college continued success, and congratulates the members of the '55 graduating class who will receive their diplomas on Sunday.

Buy A Poppy This Week

On Friday and Saturday of this week the American Legion auxiliary will observe Poppy days in Brevard and Transylvania county.

The members of this fine organization ask that each of us honor the dead by helping the living. This we do when we buy a poppy.

The poppy comes to us from the fields of France and Belgium where the churning tide of war obliterated all touches of beauty except its brave red blooms. It comes to us from the shell-pitted battle areas and from among the wooden crosses of the war cemeteries. There it was nature's tribute to the heroic dead, and here in America it is the tribute of patriots to those who made patriotism's highest sacrifice.

The poppies which we will wear on Poppy Day are not, of course, natural flowers from the battlefields. They are flowers which have even greater significance than any nature could produce. They have been made in hospitals and work-rooms where war's suffering still is going on. They have bloomed under the hands of men disabled in war—the comrades of those in whose honor they will be worn. Their petals are only paper and their stems wire,

yet into them has been breathed the spirit of patriotic sacrifice, the spirit of those days when life itself was not too much to give for America.

The disabled veterans who make the poppies derive double benefit from the work. First, it gives them employment—their only chance to help support themselves and families. With strength and health gone they cannot do regular work, but they can make poppies. Even in their hospital beds they can do this work, earning money for each flower they make. Second, the work is of real value in aiding their recovery, occupying hands and minds, breaking the tedium of long idleness, and restoring spirits crushed by hopelessness.

The women who distribute the poppies, unlike the disabled veterans who make them, receive nothing for their efforts—nothing tangible, that is, only the satisfaction of having helped brighten the memory of the dead and of having contributed to the welfare of the living. It is hard, unaccustomed work for them, but they do it gladly, happy to be able to serve in such a cause.

Once again we repeat: Buy a Poppy this week and honor the dead by helping the living!

A Great Man Passes

Transylvanians join with citizens throughout Western North Carolina in mourning the passing of Harry A. Dunham, of Asheville.

Giving more than a quarter million dollars to Brevard college during the past 20 years, Mr. Dunham was probably the greatest individual benefactor of the local educational institution.

He loved Brevard college and through it he made great contributions to the religious, educational and cultural life of these mountain counties.

Mr. Dunham was a highly successful businessman and he generously shared his earnings with others.

He had a great love for music, and through his Dunham Music House, he did much to aid in music appreciation in this region.

Harry A. Dunham lived long and served well. He was energetic in his civic work; an enthusiastic servant in the church; a loyal friend to his fellowman; and he will long be an inspiration to all persons desiring to make Western North Carolina a better, happier and a more prosperous place in which to live.

Paragraphics....

If you don't know the score, you can be pretty doggoned sure you're behind.

A playboy is a fellow who summers in the Alps, winters in Miami, springs at blondes, and falls for brunettes.

NO BIGGER THAN A MAN'S HAND



BEHIND THE NEWS... From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



PICASSO'S DOVES

G. F. Hudson of Oxford University starts an article as follows: "Sir Winston Churchill once said that the rulers of the Soviet Union do not want war, but they want the fruits of war. By this he meant that, without a real intention to risk a mortal clash of arms, they endeavor to gain by bluster, truculence, and threats objectives such as are not normally to be reached by peaceful negotiation, but only by victory on the field of battle..."

But now the truculence and bluster have been displaced by smiles and gentle private letters and proposals for mutual exchanges of visits. We are approaching an era of sweetness and light.

Sometimes small events begin great courses. When William Randolph Hearst, Jr., associated with a name and a press that had long been violently anti-Russian, was tipped off that he could get a visa to enter Soviet Russia, when he and his party go to Moscow and discovered that the red carpet was rolled out for them, it meant something more than was warranted by the visit. The Russians stated a revision of policy through what they believed to be the most antagonistic channel available to them.

And they have continued to pursue the course of a revised policy. Their purpose is to win by honey what they failed to win by prussic acid. And the change of policy may go further than is generally believed because the alternative is war—the most disastrous war in all history. Such a war would defeat the Marxist program of converting the human race to Communism. It would defeat everything because it would destroy everything. There would be no human race to convert.

In a word, it is becoming more obvious, as this revision of policy unfolds, that in Soviet calculations the margins between peace and war are closing and that it is impossible any longer to delay writing a contract for peace because the alternative must be war.

If this estimate of the Russian approach to world problems is correct, we are on the verge of a struggle for survival through peace. By that is meant that while prolonged negotiations continue, neither side need or will make such compromises as could destroy their social and economic systems. Nevertheless, if there is a will to peace, come what may there will be no war—not even an accidental war.

Perhaps the explanation lies in

the cold, arithmetical fact that both sides know that neither side can afford forever stock-piling atom and hydrogen bombs which become obsolete with each new experimental explosion. And each side knows that with the first use of the hydrogen bomb, no matter who starts first, the history of our civilization is ended. Karl Marx's structure of periods in the struggle of class against class will only be a memory as the economics of David Ricardo, Adam Smith and John Maynard Keynes will be memories, perhaps to be found 20 centuries from now in the debris of our ancient and forgotten civilization.

All this is pure nihilism and therefore must be rejected by a Marxist as by a humanitarian. These bombs, if we are to believe Thomas E. Murray of the Atomic Energy Commission, do not leave room or time even for the struggle for existence. They are the end. I listened to Murray describe the effects of the bombs; to listen was to enter purgatory.

Therefore the only answer can be peace. And peace it somehow will be. The fact that we have gone through 10 years of approach to war without actually becoming involved in a world-wide devastation, and the further fact that neither side has established its prowess by using whatever bombs were available to it in incidents that might have become wars, cannot go unnoted.

During all this time, however, the "cold war" bred distrust and hatred and fear. The emergence of Red China, with its fierce demands, complicated the situation as much for Russia as for us. The defeat of Chou En-lai at Bandung must have sobered the Chinese sufficiently to calm the waters about Formosa if nowhere else. At any rate, Quemoy and Matsu

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PICK OF THE PRESS IN THE CAROLINAS

ALL OF US CAN LEARN FROM BILLY GRAHAM

(N. C. Christian Advocate)
It may be that North Carolina's able, energetic, genuinely dedicated Billy Graham will prove to be the religious phenomenon of the mid-twentieth century. We do not, of course, expect concurrence in this statement from high religious circles. Moreover, we are aware that his entire record is not yet before us. But so far as reaching the masses—and, after all, this to us seems a significant test of religious leadership—Billy Graham is second to none so far in our day. The revival in Scotland, which closed recently, is an illustration. During this six-weeks' campaign the youthful evangelist spoke directly or by relay to 2,047,330 persons. Of this number, 38,477 made de-

isions for Christ. During the entire campaign 52,253 made decisions. The London revival last year was perhaps as successful.

How explain this amazing record? We simply cannot explain it. One big reason, we believe, is that the masses are hungry for the old fashioned gospel. Billy Graham has that kind of message.

Another reason is the man himself—his contagious sincerity, his flaming passion, his attractive and befetiching personality, his winsome manner, his simple and earnest humility, his able mind and completely consecrated life. It has been amazing to us how Billy Graham can remain humble in the face of so much public adulation. It has been miraculous how he can stick to the fundamentals of the Gospel and still not be dom-

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FROM OUR FILES..... GLANCING BACKWARD AT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

10 YEARS AGO

An immediate postwar school building program, estimated to cost around \$200,000, is being planned by the Transylvania county board of education, it was learned today.

Sixty persons will receive certificates here this week for having completed courses in supervision, salesmanship and business training given by Charles B. McFee, Jr.

Brevard firemen have raised approximately \$1,000 of their \$1,500 goal for the purpose of building and equipping a training room over the city hall here, Dan Merrill, fire chief, announces.

During the second week-end of the fishing season in the Pisgah game and preserve and Sherwood

area, 653 fishermen caught 3,330 trout, making an average of 5.1 trout per fisherman, it has been announced by W. W. Huber, forest ranger.

Seventeen local Scottish Rite Masons will attend supper at the Masonic temple in Asheville at 6:30 tonight and will confer the 29th degree on a class of 60 candidates. Eleven members from the local lodge are taking the degree.

Brevard high school commencement exercises will begin Sunday, May 27, at 8 o'clock p. m. at the high school auditorium. The Rev. B. W. Thomason will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

District school committees have been appointed by the Transylvania county board of education to

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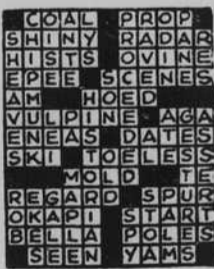
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Scorch
- Strong wind
- Subtle emanation
- God of war (Norse)
- New wine
- Pamper
- Question
- Seed vessel
- Part of "to be"
- Natural hot spring
- Spicy
- Part of "to be"
- Tavern
- Frosted
- Particle of addition
- Cushion
- Stylish
- Male adult
- Erbium (sym.)
- Assistant
- Away from the right path
- Pennsylvania (abbr.)
- Writing fluid
- Past
- Wire stitch
- Young sow
- River (Russ.)
- Girl's name
- Cutting tools
- Rumple

DOWN

- Reasons
- Hoarse
- Skill
- Sun god
- Agreeable
- Affix
- Cover
- Entangle
- Priestly caste of ancient Media
- Vegetable
- Fresh-water tortoise
- To be awaiting
- Ago
- Laughing
- Perform
- Help
- Disguise
- Diagnose
- Gap
- Hair on horse's neck
- Birds of prey
- Peasant (India)
- Showers
- Troubles
- Constellation



Answer

- Animal's foot
- Antelope (So. Afr.)
- Part of "to be"

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



The wheels of justice sometimes grind very slowly. From St. Paul, Minn., comes an Associated Press story concerning Leonard Hankins, of Dawson Springs, Ky., who "went through nineteen years of hurt and humiliation in Minnesota prisons, but will within a few weeks earn the final reward of a plodding justice."

In 1932, the Barker-Karpis gang held up the Third Northwestern bank in Minneapolis and killed two policemen. Hankins, because shaky circumstances pointed to him, was convicted February 6, 1933, and sentenced to life imprisonment. In 1935, mobster Jesse Doyle, a member of the Barker gang, cleared Hankins of any connection with the crime. A long chain of hearings followed for Hankins. Several times he was promised his freedom. He was pardoned in 1951.

A bill providing Hankins with \$300 a month for the rest of his life has been passed by both houses of the Minnesota legislature. When a number of other unrelated claims are settled by a conference committee, the bill goes to the governor. Hankins' payments will be retroactive to January 1st.

This will be Minnesota's payment for the years of suffering inflicted on an innocent man.

Hankins won his release largely through the efforts of his sister, Mrs. Delia Lowery, Jack McKay, a St. Paul correspondent for the Associated Press, and Sig Couch, a former Minneapolis detective. Mrs. Lowery was granted \$10,000 by the legislature as partial recompense for money spent in gaining her brother's release. They worked at it persistently for 18 years, finally winning a pardon for him in 1951.

What a lesson in persistence on the part of a sister and two friends who were convinced of his innocence. Suppose they had given up. Many would have, but they didn't.

A line from those old copy books which we used many years ago in practicing penmanship comes to mind: "If at first you don't succeed—Try, try again."

Patience and persistence are not modern virtues. We want to do it yesterday.

Those who have brought physical and spiritual blessings to the world have been men and women of patience and persistence.

Perhaps some of you who read this column are discouraged over something which you want to do and which is right. Go back and read this column again. Now resolve to go to work at that which you think should be done—with patience and persistence. Then add prayer to it. Prayer, patience and persistence are the secrets of success.



I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth, for in these things I delight.—(Jeremiah 9, 24.)

How wonderful it is that the Source of all power in the universe, that which keeps the suns and the galaxies in orderly course, is God within and all about us always—that His loving-kindness is available to us, His children, unstintingly, for the taking.