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## On National Newspaper Week

With the slogan, "Your Newspaper Serves", National Newspaper week is now being observed in Transylvania and throughout the nation.

The Transylvania Times joins with other newspapers in this great country of ours in serving to promote progress and battling to preserve a free press.

We are not boasting when we say that it is no exaggeration to say that our newspapers are constantly striving for a better community, state and nation.

Look at some of the symbols of progress, such as schools, playgrounds, churches, roads, etc., and chances are that many of them came about as a result of stories carried in the newspapers. Campaigns to finance these institutions were spearheaded by the publicity of the newspaper.

The American newspaper occupies a unique place in the world. Its freedom to print is guaranteed by the Constitution. It has been considered from the beginnings of the Republic and from even before that—an essential instrument in the lives of the American people.

Its basic purpose has been and always will be the same: To tell the happenings of the day. Here the function is of particular importance in regards to the happenings of government, which is but an instru-

ment of the people's will. Its next and almost inseparable function is to try to place the facts concerning these happenings in perspective—to give them meaning in the light of other events, past and present.

It has other important purposes — to serve as a medium for advertising, to entertain and amuse, to serve as a public forum.

Where newspapers are free from government restriction, as they are in the United States, you are free to select the reading matter of your choice. You are privileged to have a voice of protest. You are favored by having news of importance to you, personally, collected, verified, edited and presented in readable and understandable form delivered to your home.

The modern newspaper is a swift and an accurate purveyor of important factual data and a medium of considered, moderate and enlightened opinion.

The newspapers of America set aside this week, therefore, to call attention to the services they perform. But more than that they set it aside to remind themselves and their readers of the obligation they owe the American public.

Yes, your newspaper is the key to better living, and it is dedicated to serving and to building a finer, and more progressive community in which to live.

## An Observance For Us All

It is most appropriate that the observance of National Fire Prevention week should come at this time when we are faced with the necessity of heating our homes after the summer months.

It is during this period that many fires occur, due to faulty heating systems and unsafe furnaces and chimneys.

National Fire Prevention week starts on Sunday, and members of the local volunteer department are making extensive plans for the observance here.

The theme this year is "Stop Fires, Save Lives".

The sole aim of the Fire Prevention observance is to inform our citizens of the seriousness of the fire hazards in order to arouse in them a will to fight it constantly and intelligently.

All of us know the danger which fire constantly presents. It is not an enemy to resist spasmodically and then be dismissed.

It is impossible to say how much the annual observance of Fire Prevention week will mean to us here in Transylvania this year, but we venture the guess that it will be a great deal. There is no way for us to arrive at the saving by averting fire, but an intelligent campaign such as our local firemen have on will do just that many times over. And the lessons we learn and apply about fire prevention this year will be valuable in the years ahead to the extent that we reduce fire losses.

Let's all take this matter of fire prevention just as seriously as our volunteer firemen do. They work at it the year "round—studying, drilling, rehearsing how they can best cope with this hazard to the lives and property of us all.

We salute the local firemen for the unselfish service they are rendering this community. Twenty four hours each day, 365 days each year they are ready to answer the call, whether it be to save a building or a person from burning, a life from drowning or any other emergency that may arise in this fast moving age.

## Another Progressive Step

New churches, new industry, new homes, a new library have all been marks of progress here in recent months, and now a new health center will soon be a reality here.

The modern and efficiently designed building will be located adjacent to Radio Station WPNF, and it too, will enhance the approach from the north into Brevard.

Transylvania has long needed a health center. For many years it was located in upstairs quarters, and any public service department of that nature cannot have adequate parking facilities in a downtown location.

Money for the new center is already available. Half of the total amount of construction, which will be around \$29,

000, will be paid for in federal funds, while the balance is being paid for in county and state funds.

With more than 1,750 square feet of space and modern equipment, the new health center will be able to adequately serve Transylvania for many, many years to come.

## Paragraphics...

Worry is the interest we pay on trouble before it is due.

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds—and the pessimist fears that is true.



## Comments From Our Readers . . . LETTERS TO THE TIMES

Mr. John Anderson  
Transylvania Times  
Brevard, North Carolina  
Dear John:

Just a note to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you and the entire staff of the Transylvania Times gave The Brevard Music Center this summer. We could not have asked for better news coverage.

While writing, I would also like to say a word of appreciation for the fine work John Eversman is doing for the Brevard high school band. It was my privilege to see and hear this group as they paraded to the football game the other Friday evening and Brevard has much to be proud of in the work that Mr. Eversman and those working with him are doing.

With every good wish, I am, as ever  
Cordially,  
James Christian Pfohl  
JCP:eh

Mr. Ed Anderson  
Transylvania Times  
Brevard, N. C.  
Dear Ed:

This is a note which I have been writing for several months but this is the first time it has got onto paper. It has been a real satisfaction to receive copies of your paper each week and thereby to keep better informed not only about Brevard College but about our neighboring city as well. Thank you for this very gracious gift.

I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,  
Philip L. Shore, Jr.,  
First Methodist Church  
Philip L. Shore, Jr., Minister  
Hendersonville, N. C.  
PLS: gm

## PICK OF THE PRESS IN THE CAROLINAS

### CHEROKEE GETS A NATIONAL CONVENTION (Waynesville Mountaineer)

Cherokee is looming as a Convention center, and starting off with a "bang" with plans for entertaining more than 700 veterans of the famous Wildcat Division of World War I. The convention which is set for October 11-13 has already brought in reservations for 37 states, and more are expected.

The 3-day convention will include tours, a banquet, attending an Indian ball game, and a typical mountain barbecue. During the more serious side of the program, a special marker will be dedicated to the 12 Cherokees who served with the division during 1917-1919.

One of the several speakers

will be Brig. Gen. Chas. D. Roberts, former chief of the staff of the Division.

It looks like the veterans of the Wildcat Division are in for a wonderful three days — coming to the area at the ideal time of the year, when the section can devote almost its entire tourist facilities to them.

The leaders of Cherokee are to be congratulated for getting such a fine convention at this time of year, and those in charge of the Division's planning for the national reunion are to be commended for selecting a spot in Western North Carolina where peace, quiet and tranquility prevails — quite a contrast to the dark days of 1917-1918 when the Division was doing so much to bring victory to the Allies.

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

### 21 YEARS AGO

The French Broad river reached the near-flood stage Wednesday morning, after a heavy rainfall that started early Tuesday night. At several low places between Brevard and Rosman the river was reported out at noon Wednesday.

Brevard College football season will open here Friday afternoon when the Ransom-men play the Wofford Frosh on the high school field.

Mrs. C. D. Brown and daughters, Misses Charlotte and Louise Brown, of Abbeville, S. C., were hostesses at two lovely social functions Wednesday entertaining at their Brevard summer home on Thomas street with a morning and afternoon bridge. Four tables were in play at each affair.

Guests at the Moffitt House are Mrs. F. J. Booth, Mrs. W. T. Harrison, Mrs. E. J. Ross, Mrs. H. D. Yerza and daughter, Miss Louise Yerza, of Clearwater, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mabry and daughter, Miss Mabel Mabry, Miss Hat-

tie Warren, of Tampa, Fla., and Miss Ethel Gilbert, of Savannah, Ga.

Roy Johnson, who has employment at Valdese, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson.

Scoring twice in each half, the Marshall high boys whipped the Brevard Blue Devils here Friday afternoon by a 26-0 score in the local eleven's first game.

Plans are being completed this week by the Transylvania Fair Association for staging the county-wide event here on Friday and Saturday of next week, Oct. 9 and 10.

Mrs. Randall W. Everett entertained at a series of two lovely bridge parties on Friday and Tuesday afternoons at her home on Broad street.

Transylvania county and the town of Brevard bonded indebtedness was taken up by a majority of the bondholders of the two units at a meeting held in Raleigh last week.

## BEHIND THE NEWS . . . From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



### COMMEMORATING THE CIVIL WAR

A joint resolution has been passed by the recent session of the 85th Congress establishing a commission to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Civil War. The preamble of this joint resolution, employing the stilted language that Congress and similar bodies find necessary for the promulgation of their thoughts, in effect acknowledges that such a war did take place between 1861 and 1865, and is definitely described as the "American Civil War" and makes no compromise such as the phrase, the "War Between the States."

The resolution states that the Civil War was "the greatest internal crisis through which this Nation passed, forged the unity of this country and the sons of both North and South have subsequently fought side by side for human freedom, justice, and the dignity of the individual among people everywhere . . ."

Ninety-two years ago, the Civil War ended. It was fought over the constitutional issue as to whether a state may or may not secede from the Union. The Constitution is not clear about that, but the issue was settled by force of arms. Behind the constitutional issue of secession were the economic and social issues of Negro slavery. The South had built a magnificent and cultured society based on slave labor. There were also elements among the whites who farmed land but who could not compete with Negro slavery.

Agriculturally the South was reduced to two major crops, cotton and tobacco, both of which were merchandized in the North and in England.

Into this picture came the personality of Abraham Lincoln, a mild, kindly person who would have found a middle course if there were one. Unfortunately, on either side the radicals won the day and the constitutional issue had to be fought in a wicked war. The result was that it is altogether clear that no state may secede from the Union. After brutal impoverishment of the South, that part of the United States recovered and is today becoming highly industrialized. But the Negro question has not been settled.

During the passage of 92 years, the Negro has changed in many ways. In the first place, he no longer lives in the South alone

but is ubiquitous. Probably the largest concentration of Negroes is in such Northern cities as New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. Secondly, large numbers of Negroes, three generations or more removed from slavery, have become educated and hold important positions in all walks of life. Some have become successful businessmen. A very large number of Negroes have passed into the white population, establishing the sociological fact that there is more concupiscence between Negroes and whites than is generally recognized. In the North, there has been considerable lawful inter-marriage between whites and Negroes. In the amusement professions some of the leading figures are Negroes and they amass great wealth.

All these factors have played a significant part in the sociological changes that have taken place during the past 92 years and which now are heading into a climax. It is notable that in the year 1957 two such events should have occurred as the passage of a joint resolution to celebrate the centenary of the Civil War, and that Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas should be held in contempt of court because of what was regarded as a rejection of the court's order to integrate the Little Rock school system.

Faubus does not descend from the Southern aristocracy. He comes from that class of white farmers who remained poor. In his youth he was beyond doubt a radical who attended Commonwealth College which was run by Communists to train Communists. He was always a poor person, with sympathy for the underdog of whom the Arkansas Negro is undoubtedly one. In fact, in 1954, when he ran for governor, he had to depend upon the Negro vote in Arkansas.

Faubus could not have risen to be governor of his state, in view of his lowly origin and his lack of advantages, without ability. Whether favorably or unfavorably viewed, his attitude in Little Rock has made him a national figure and a hero among proletarian elements in the South. This could lead to further political developments for Faubus.

To return to the joint resolution, it all only proves how much longer it takes to solve a social than a constitutional problem. We can pass a law by a majority vote, but it is more difficult to change human beings.

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



Many people's lives are empty because they refuse to fill them! They are devoid of happiness because they fail to grasp it. The majority who take their own lives do so because they become so unbalanced mentally as to feel that there is nothing for which to live.

A prominent psychologist has estimated that of all suicides, only one quarter of one per cent come from the ranks of those who have cultivated hobbies or multiple interests.

It is dangerous to put all the eggs in one basket. Drop the basket and the eggs are gone.

The business man who has never cultivated anything other than his one job is a pitiful sight when he is compelled to retire. He can think of nothing to do.

The mother who gives her all to her children faces a dismal middle age when the children grow up and leave home.

The Christian religion is the most unselfish influence in the world, because it teaches us to look inward for examination, upward for inspiration, and outward for expression.

A selfish mind is a one-track mind. It thinks only of self. The majority of the problem letters which come to my desk are written by people who are thinking largely of themselves.

The Saviour thought but little of Himself and always of others. In seeking the health and happiness of others, His life found its fullest expression.

Hobbies are helpful not only in extending the mind, but also in developing the soul. The man with a hobby can't seem to keep it to himself. If his hobby is some form of handicraft, he is making things to give to others. If it is collecting, he can't refrain from inviting others to come and enjoy his collection.

So many in trouble and affliction turn inward to self-pity. That puts the stopper in the bottle. Then the bad can't escape, and the good can't enter. The Saviour said, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

The world is filled with beautiful things to be grasped and shared. It is filled with those who need our help. Here is purpose in life, and happiness.

NOTE — Dr. Spough's books, "Pathway to a Happy Marriage" and "Everyday Counsel for Everyday Living" may be ordered through our bookshop or from P. O. Box 6036, Charlotte 7, N. C. The price is \$1.00 a copy, postpaid.