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Brevard's Inadequate School Facilities Mean Inefficiency In Work, Says School Principal

(By Prof. J. Clyde Jones, Principal of Brevard Public School.)

There has never been a time when there was a greater demand for efficiency in school work than at the present time. This demand is just. The man who pays taxes to support a school has a right to expect full value for every dollar paid into the treasury. If this value is not bestowed upon his own child, he expects other children to reap the benefit and he, in turn, reaps through an educated citizenship. But there are limitations to this reaping. The average teacher can probably do efficient work with 35 or 40 pupils. When this number is increased it is done at the peril of efficiency. If the pupils below the high school work in the Brevard graded school had been equally divided last month each teacher would have had 51 pupils. If they had been equally divided the first month each teacher would have had 61. If all the pupils in the district were to attend each teacher in the school would have to teach 72 pupils and half of these would be compelled to stand.

During the past two years no emphasis has been placed upon enrollment. No effort has been made to enforce the compulsory attendance law. It would be folly to exert energy in this direction because more come voluntarily than can be taught with efficiency. This number will be greatly increased next year and this increase will multiply the difficulties we are already facing.

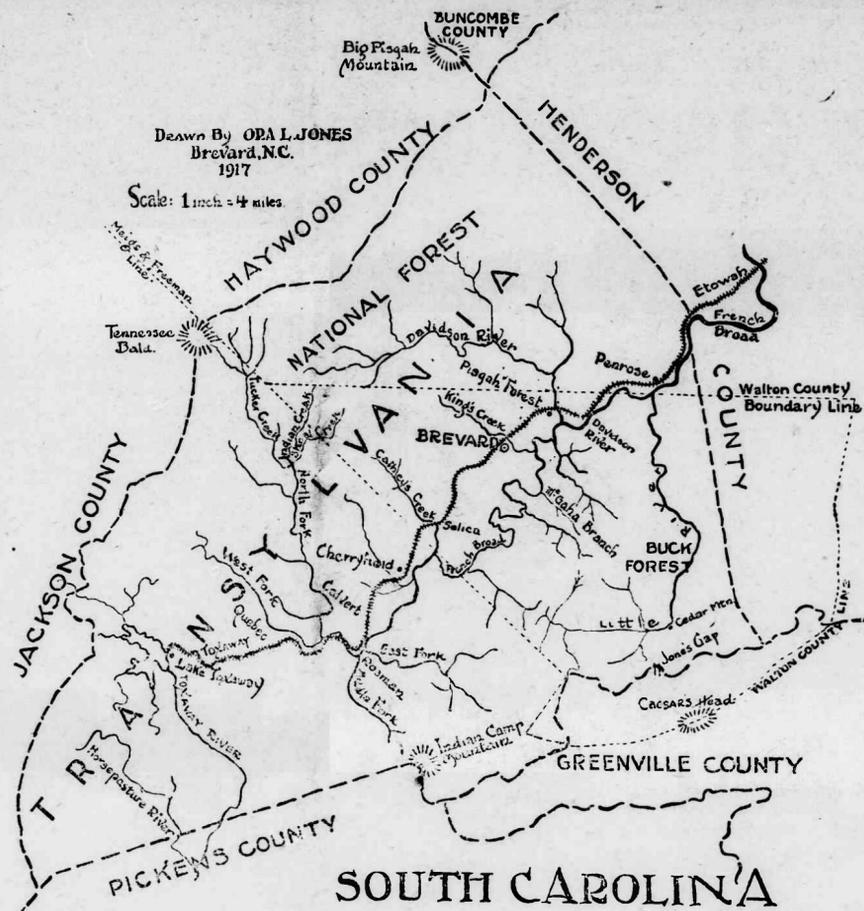
According to statistics, each day in the school room is worth in money value \$7.33 to the child. If we use this as a basis and consider the 200 pupils in the district who attend no school at all, the loss in money value is unbelievable. Many of this number are out because emphasis cannot be placed upon their attendance.

From the above facts it is evident that Brevard has too many children or the school facilities are inadequate. The children are here and it is a duty of the citizenship to see that they are cared for. In this respect we have not even reached the first stages of efficiency. The employment of more teachers will not benefit the situation because there is no place for them to work. Already the building is full. The auditorium is used for primary work and it is an impossibility for the entire school to get together for a few minutes of devotional exercises.

Besides, there are other courses which must be introduced. Girls must be taught cooking and sewing. Boys must be taught agriculture and other vocational subjects. These are some of the real problems of life that must be solved by the school. Until these subjects are introduced the school cannot accomplish its aim. It cannot prepare pupils to live which after all is the real end of teaching. In the first grade this year 116 pupils have been enrolled. In the eleventh grade only four are finishing the course. There ought to be a larger number than this, but it will hardly be realized until a new building is erected and the other problems are solved.

Long ago the business man recognized that Solomon was right when he said: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty." No business man considers it economy to attempt to do business in a building that will not accommodate his customers. It is not economy to attempt to teach 400 children in a building that will scarcely accommodate 250 and the result of such work is not efficiency.

I believe that the citizens of Brevard want to do the best thing for their children. The first step to be taken is in providing more room. To fail to do this will mean suicide for public education in this district. If there is any misunderstanding about taxes, it should be cleared up. If the political situation stands in the way, it should be removed. When this is done there is no reason why the silent demand of 550 school children should not be answered with better school facilities for Brevard.



The above map shows the location of the now extinct Walton County, Ga., over which North Carolina and Georgia had a war as related in Mr. Jones' historical article in the News, over a hundred years ago. The northern boundary of Walton county was the supposed 35th degree of north latitude, which was at that time erroneously thought to pass from east to west at the mouth of Little river. The eastern boundary of the county was the crest of the Blue Ridge. The southwestern boundary was the Meigs and Freeman line, which ran "south 52 1-2 east," from where it crossed the supposed 35 degree to the crest of the Blue Ridge. The drawer of this map does not pretend to say that the Meigs and Freeman line is shown correctly on this map. One set of litigants have always contended that the line as shown on the map is correct. Another say it passed near Quebec, running in the same general direction as shown. Another still, says it passed to the west of Toxaway mountain. The latest decisions of the Supreme court seem to favor the Quebec route, reversing their former decision locating it as shown on the map.

BUSINESS PROPERTY ADVANCES IN PRICE

George Philips has purchased from A. M. Verdery the lot on Broad and Jordan streets adjoining the old Sylvan Valley News building.

The sale of this lot shows a great boom in real estate values in Brevard. Mr. Verdery held the property for about four years during which time it practically doubled in selling value.

Mr. Philips is understood to have paid Mr. Verdery \$2,000 for the lot, which is 33x110 feet in dimensions.

Mr. Philips contemplates the erection of a home for his bakery.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT AT \$2.75 INSTEAD OF \$7.25

While paint prices are advancing the News by a typographical error in transposing figures last week made it appear that they had gone sky high by having the Farmers Supply company advertising Sherwin-Williams paint at \$7.25 per gallon. The ad should have made the price at \$2.75, hence this correction.

QUEBEC QUIRKS

Wait McCall moved into his new house this week and was serenaded by the young folks of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Fisher visited Brevard last Saturday to do some spring shopping.

Mrs. Myrtle Whitmire went to Horse Shoe this week to purchase a bill of groceries from the store of Mr. Davenport.

L. R. McCall is now at home toughening his muscles working in the chestnut wood. His school at Blantyre closed last week.

It is reported that the flume down the West Fork of French Broad will soon be placed, thus opening up a large boundary of chestnut wood which will be rapidly worked out.

Dillie Fisher and Miss Callie Thomas were married at 10 o'clock on Friday, March 16, at the home of the bride's parents. T. C. McCall, J. P., officiated. More than fifty guests were present. Mr. McCall was the officiating officer at the marriage of the bride's parents seventeen years ago. *Ex-wife.*

CEDAR MT. BREEZES.

Emmerson Jones has returned from Pisgah Forest, where he has been at work for the last month.

Miss Nellie Lee came home Sunday from Greenville, where she has been having some dental work done.

Many teams are busy hauling the finishing lumber and doors for the completion of George Bishop's house.

Wilkins, Cagle, Idell and Dora Bishop went fishing last Thursday and caught twelve nice mountain trout.

Mrs. H. Garren is still suffering from nervousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Jones of Caesars Head are both in bed and suffering from rheumatism.

The public school will close its session of six months of successful work next Friday.

Mark R. Osborne of Greenville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop last Monday. He and Miss Dora visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Callan of Pisgah Forest on Tuesday returning Wednesday.

V. B. McGaha went to River Falls Friday.

George Bishop went to Greenville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Street Burns returned home last week from Greenville after an absence of about four months.

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Read the Diversifieds also.

Community Co-operative Advertising

The Publicity committee of the Brevard Club, knowing that co-operative advertising brings results, wishes to get in communication with every boarding house in this county within the next week and further a plan for widely advertising this vicinity.

This committee has made a list of all available names of persons who expect to keep boarders this summer and has apportioned each house a certain amount of the expense. The entire amount collected is to go towards paying the expense of printing and distributing booklets descriptive of this territory.

Only those persons contributing their apportionment will have the advertising benefit of the booklets and of the personal letters and other literature to be mailed from the Brevard Club.

The committee asks that every person wishing mention get into communication with one of the members before March 25th and ask for any information regarding plans, etc.

The booklets to be printed are to be a credit to the "Land of Waterfalls," and in order to have them some money must be spent.

A greater part of the money must be collected at once, but the committee offers to take a check now, dated for payment any time between now and the first of August for any part of the apportionment from any who feel they cannot pay the amount just now. The committee must have the assurance, however, that the apportionment will be paid before it makes mention of any house in the literature to be published.

Letters are already coming in asking for literature and other information, and it so happens that no descriptive matter is on hand.

In order to further this work will you please get in immediate communication with one of the committeemen?

C. C. HODGES,
N. M. HOLLOWELL,
ALEX. H. KIZER.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS TO MEET ON APRIL 2

Headquarters Transylvania Camp No. 953, U. C. V. March 20, 1917. Order No. 15.

Comrades:

You are ordered to rendezvous on the porch of the chapter house of the U. D. C. in Brevard, Monday, April 2d, next, at 2:00 p. m.

There are several items of interest to the Camp requiring attention some of which are the payment of dues; to elect delegates to the national re-union at Washington, D. C., June 6-8; to give some token of respect to our recently departed comrades—J. M. Glazener and Maj. W. E. Breese; to arrange for memorial day services, etc.

As to the matter of dues, they are past due and must be paid at once or representation in the approaching re-union will be forfeited. Comrades, therefore those seeing their probable non-attendance on the above meeting are ordered to forward their dues to the adjutant, T. L. Gash, Pisgah Forest, at once.

It would be calamitous to be denied representation in the Washington re-union, which prospectively is the grandest of all its predecessors. Herein forget not.

By order of Commandant,
J. M. HAMLIN, Comd'g.

Attest:
T. L. GASH, Adj.

BRADFORD CHILD DIES

Cusper, the five and one-half months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, residents on Caldwell street, who moved to Brevard from Alabama last fall, died on Monday as a result of measles. Burial was made on Tuesday at the Gillespie cemetery. The funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church by Rev. John R. Hay.

MR. BALLARD SELLS LOT

R. K. Ballard, for his brother, G. G. Ballard of Dacusville, S. C., has sold to Mrs. Delia A. Graveley a lot 95x221 feet fronting on Caldwell and Broad streets, the consideration being \$1,000.