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TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY FAIR

Preparations for the Fair Club Members Urged to Exhibit Their Products—Beef Cattle Judging Contest.

Transylvania County will hold her second Annual Fair in Brevard, October 1st and 2nd. The arrangements for the exhibits are fast nearing completion and the prospects for the best fair ever held in Western North Carolina are looking good. The people in the county should consider the fact that a fair is the cheapest and best and most efficient medium for advertising any farm product they have ducts. Besides it is an honor for sale and exhibit their product to have the satisfaction of knowing that you have the best of anything in the county.

The fair is strictly an agricultural fair, and no admission fee will be charged. The committees have tried to make it as educational as possible along all lines. An interesting feature for the boys under nineteen is the cattle judging contest which is to be held October 1st at 2 o'clock.

All boys that contemplate entering the contest should give their names to Mr. Fred Shufford before one o'clock Tuesday, so that instructions can be given in regard to the contest.

Committees of one person have been appointed to have charge of each department. All persons entering agricultural products, canned goods and fancy work should bring exhibits Monday and put them up if possible. Of course exhibits for prizes can be entered up till ten o'clock Tuesday. All club members are especially urged to bring their exhibits to the fair as a special place will be reserved for them.

COMMITTEES:

Mr. T. S. Wood will have charge of the sheep. Mrs. C. M. Cooke, Mrs. Macfie and Mrs. G. C. Whitmer have been appointed to have charge of the ladies' canned fruits and vegetables. Mrs. R. H. Zachery, Mrs. Welch Galloway and Mrs. T. D. England will have charge of the pantry supplies. Mrs. C. M. Doyle, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, and Mrs. Dave Ward will have charge of the Fancy Work department.

A department of historic relics has been added to the fair this year. No prizes will be given to this department, but any one having any historic relics that would be of interest to the public will be appreciated. Miss Annie Gash, Mrs. E. Patton and Mrs. A. E. Hampton will have charge of this department.

Take a day off and come to the fair. Four thousand school children are expected in Brevard Wednesday.

AT METHODIST CHURCH.

A sermon to elderly people at 11 o'clock on "The Autumn of Life."

At 8:00 p. m. the sixth sermon of the "Gospel of the Law" series based on the sixth commandment.

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DEPUTY SHERIFF B. E. PAXTON DEAD

Grief filled the town last Sunday morning as the news that Branch Paxton had answered the final summons passed among his friends and neighbors. His end came suddenly. The death occurred at the residence of the deceased on Sunday morning.

Mr. Paxton was a Transylvanian, having been reared at the Paxton homestead near Calvert. For a number of years and at the time of his death he served as deputy-sheriff. As a public official he made a record for absolute fearlessness and unflinching loyalty.

The funeral services were conducted at the late residence of the deceased on Tuesday afternoon. The exercises were in charge of the Dunns Rock Lodge of Masons. Rev. Mr. Davis and Rev. J. C. Seagle were the officiating ministers. Interment was made with Masonic honors in the Gillespie cemetery, where scores of citizens of the town and county and friends from far and near gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

Mr. Paxton is survived by his wife and four children, two sisters and two brothers all of whom were present at the funeral.

TABLE FALLS THROUGH FLOOR

At an early hour Tuesday morning fire was discovered in an unoccupied room on the first floor of J. A. Hampton's residence. The flames were put out in a short time by the chief of our fire department, J. F. Bromfield and others.

The blaze was started by an electric iron. Someone in the house had been ironing on Monday night and left the current on. The table caught fire and a large hole was burned in the floor through which the table dropped. There was very little damage.

Y. W. C. A. Helps French Munition Workers

Twelve social centers, or foyers, as they are called by the French, are run by the American Y. W. C. A. for girls and women who are working in the great munition factories of France. Two of these are in St. Etienne and three in Lyon. All have cafeterias connected with them.

Girls and women who work in these factories are of all classes and ages, but all are French. The men employees are of every nation—Chinese, Cingalese, Algerian, Moroccan and Portuguese. Many of the women are refugees. Multitudes have lost every relative and friend. There are daughters, mothers and grandmothers among them.

Weeks ago news flashed over the wires that the American soldiers at the bend of the Marne fought and died where they stood and not a German passed. The valor there displayed has resulted gloriously for the allied cause. Recent victories over the enemy are little short of miraculous and exceedingly heartening to those who desire a military decision before cold weather checks the advance of the forces under General Foch.

Choke the Hun with Bonds?

ODDFELLOWS GIVE \$75,000 WAR-WORK

(From the Asheville Citizen) Guy Weaver returned last night from St. Louis where he with Calvin Woodard, of Wilson, represented the Odd Fellows grand lodge of North Carolina at the meeting of the Sovereign grand lodge which convened in St. Louis last Monday for the annual meeting. J. E. Bessent, of Winston-Salem, represented the grand encampment of this state. About 2,500 people, delegates and members of their families, went to St. Louis for the gathering which was one of the most successful in the history of the order.

The committee reports showed that much war work is being done by the Odd Fellows and during the week's sessions \$75,000 was appropriated from the treasury for war relief fund. A commission was named to have charge of this money, but it will be expended largely through the Red Cross. It is expected that voluntary subscriptions from the lodges throughout the country will swell this fund to \$1,000,000.

Twenty-seven years ago when the sovereign lodge met in St. Louis, the subordinate lodge membership was 649,702; it was reported at this meeting that the membership of the subordinate lodges now numbers 1,649,690; then the membership of the Rebekah lodges was 69,711; now the Rebekahs number 536,141. All the activities of the order have been more than doubled.

REMEMBER!

Do not bring your lunch with you to the County Fair. Save yourself trouble and help the Red Cross. Buy sandwiches and hot coffee at the RED CROSS LUNCH COUNTER. October 1st and 2nd.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL FOLKS

Remember that Wednesday October 2nd, is to be schoolday of the County Fair, therefore, I call upon all teachers, students, parents, and school committeemen to help contribute the schools part. We have planned the grand parade to begin at 10 A. M., at the Brevard High School building, thence over town and ending at the beginning point. Immediately after the march the school athletic contests will take place. Be sure that every school in the county takes part in the athletics. Wednesday, October 2nd, is to be a holiday for all schools taking part the educational day. Please come everybody in full force.

Most cordially yours, A. F. MITCHELL, County Supt.

TO HELP MAKE WAR MASKS

The Food Administration is calling on Transylvania people to save all fruit pits, from peaches, prunes, etc. An acid is extracted from these which is used in making gas masks. Receptacles for these seeds will be placed in convenient places.

FROM A BREVARD BOY OVER THERE

(Quotations from a letter written by David Hunt to Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hunt.)

"* * * I received your newspaper clippings and enjoyed them very much. We have no news from U. S. except through an occasional English paper.

"* * * We can't tell, of course, which one of us will be next. All of the Germans that I have seen are nothing but little boys or very old men.

I am in charge of a machine gun and squad. I am in the trenches at Ypres (in Belgium) shallow trenches and breast works. If the trenches are deep the water rises. The Huns are scared to death of the French-Americans.

Gerry (Germans) is still combing hospitals. That is due to the fact that Gerry and the allies began painting large red crosses on some of their ammunition dumps and it was discouraged eventually.

When coming over we all wore life preservers all of the time. We get plenty of cigarettes. They are British made and no good. I received some magazines from Rev. C. D. Chapman and enjoyed them very much. Please thank him for them.

Yes, I can carry on incorrectly a simple conversation in French. I do not find it hard to learn, having studied latin.

The last time that I was up the line I had orders to move my machine gun and squad to a certain place and fire on a certain crossing of railroad and a trail where Gerry usually crosses in bringing up his reserves. We got our elevation and direction from a map. According to orders we used three hours to fire 2,000 shots, firing bursts of irregular sizes and at irregular intervals. Monroe Wilson, the gunner of my squad did most of the firing and I did some of it to keep in practice. It is also fun to fire. Monroe is one of the best gunners and soldiers in the company and absolutely fearless. That night we might have killed a pile of Germans or we might not have killed any. Gerry was circulating around that section that night. We concealed the flash of our gun with a wet fire screen. We had to keep our heads low on account of snipers. We would fire awhile, five or six seconds, then a German sniper with a machine gun would answer us, firing about a foot over our heads. We were in a hole and behind a bank. We would simply laugh at him, because he couldn't hit us. He would skin over the edge of the bank though. It is very easy to tell where a machine gun is and in what direction it is firing.

On the front that we are on we are almost surrounded by Gerry, just as Rheims used to be. I received the Brevard papers and was mighty glad to get them. You are right there is nothing that looks natural over here except the stars. Some of the boys the other night commented upon that very fact. The poem you sent me is right, give me "America." These people over here are so far behind time that they don't know they are living. They have two-wheel-

BREVARD IS TO BECOME RAILROAD CENTER

At Last the Long Dreamed of Possibilities of Brevard as a Railroad Center are About to be Realized—Our Town Will Soon be Transformed from a Village to One of the Thriving Commercial Centers of the State—Brevard's One Chance is At Hand.

In an article recently appearing in the Manufacturers Record this line of railroad is declared to be an essential war enterprise, particularly in relation to the port of Charleston. The G. & W. will give a direct route from forests of white oak, poplar, hickory and other valuable hardwoods, as well as rich stores of granite, building sand, lime and clay.

To connect this road with the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern Railway will require an extension of only about 70 or 80 miles, part of which has already been constructed. The connection of these two roads will open a new route to the coal fields of Tennessee and Kentucky. That this is almost a surety and not a figment of imagination is shown by a recent statement made by Mr. J. Norwood Cleveland, one of South Carolina's leading business men. Mr. Cleveland suggests that the road come by way of Brevard instead of the by Hendersonville as was formerly discussed.

Following is the statement by Mr. Cleveland:

"I would suggest that the route via Brevard, N. C., instead of the Hendersonville route be used. The route via Brevard would open up virgin forests, and would also give railroad advantages to a section of country now far distant from them. Also in advocating this route, it would open new territory containing hard-

wood suitable to railroad use. It is no secret that the problem of keeping up the railroads is becoming acute. The railroads are in fine shape, and should be kept so, and with the completion of the G. & W. millions of cross-ties would be made easily accessible for shipment and would be easily exported to the allies. Not a week ago appeared an article stating that Mr. Starr of New York was organizing about fifty saw-mills to be put in operation with main shipping point Brevard, N. C. Mr. Starr will devote his sawing to government railroad needs. Practically all this could be handled over the G. & W., especially that portion coming to Charleston or west of Greenville, S. C. And the really large portions of timber are absolutely unaccessible without the extension of the G. & W.

"Each year hundreds of cars of fuel wood are shipped to Greenville alone, over the short line of the G. & W., now built. With the completion of this railroad, Greenville would not only look to it for wood, but it would be Greenville's direct route to the coal fields of Tennessee and Kentucky."

The people of Brevard should all get together now and pull for this railroad. It would, without doubt, be the making of Brevard. Brevard needs a direct line, and before we can ever hope to grow much we must have it.

MAKERS OF SURGICAL DRESSINGS BUSY

Mrs. H. N. Carrier, director of woman's work of the Transylvania Red Cross has received an order for 840 cotton pads to be shipped to Atlanta by the twentieth of October. The work rooms are open every morning and afternoon in the week and every woman in the town is urged to lend a hand toward getting this order off on schedule time.

ed dump carts for buggies. There are one or two decent looking vehicles in Paris, but they are very few.

All of our work is done at night. When we get through we sleep and eat and smoke and tell big lies and do all we can to make each other wish that he was at home, all for mental occupation.

We sit around and watch air battles, watch Gerry shoot "whizz bangs" at our planes and watch ours shoot at his. We see them brought down in flames sometimes. It is very hard to hit them. Gerry is deathly afraid of our air craft and anti-air craft guns.

If you hang around the trenches for awhile you become very indifferent and fearless of shells and bullets and don't pay any attention to them, but of course it will not do to allow yourself to be careless."

COMMUNITY FAIR.

Lake Toxaway will have the first Community Fair in the history of the County at Lake Toxaway School House, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Much interest is being taken in the fair by the people and the exhibits promise to be many. Competent judges have secured to judge the different exhibits. All exhibits to compete for prizes must be entered by ten o'clock Saturday.

A lesson on beef cattle will be given to the boys at the fair who expect to enter the beef cattle judging contest at the County Fair.

J. B. NEAL, Sec. and Treas.

RED CROSS WORK UNDER GOVERNMENT

On account of the increasing scarcity of Red Cross supplies the local chapter has been instructed by Headquarters to use only material absolutely necessary for filling official Red Cross orders. In compliance with these instructions the local Red Cross will hold the unfinished wool garments recently brought to the work rooms until an order for wool garments is received from headquarters.