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## BREVARD INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

The final exercises of the Brevard Institute Commencement were held on Tuesday evening in the auditorium at the school. The annual commencement was opened this year with a Soldiers' Memorial Service on Friday evening in honor of Sgt. C. A. McCraw and Pvt. B. E. Ellis, Brevard Institute boys who fell on the battlefields of France.

The last chapel exercise of the year on Saturday morning was followed by the presentation of graduating essays and orations. On Saturday afternoon came the annual field-day contests between the athletic teams and in the evening the pupils of the music department gave a recital.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. R. G. Tuttle of Thomasville, N. C. Rev. Mr. Tuttle is a former pastor of the Brevard Methodist church and the inspiring message he brought to the graduating class was heard by an audience which taxed the capacity of the Methodist auditorium.

Advanced students of music were presented in concert on Monday afternoon and on Monday evening the Intersociety Declamation and Recitation contest took place. This contest is between representatives of the Adelpian and Lanier Societies and to be chosen as a commencement speaker is one of the highest honors which can be conferred by the student body of the local institution. This year the contest was won by Miss Lelia Bennett and Mr. Lamar Galloway for the Lanier Society.

The most important feature of the commencement, the graduating exercises, were held in San Angelo Chapel on Tuesday night. For the first time in the history of Brevard Institute the graduating address was delivered by a woman. The speaker of the occasion was Mrs. J. W. Downs of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the educational committee of the woman's home missionary society of the Methodist church. Of striking appearance and arresting personality Mrs. Downs claimed the wrapt attention of her hearers. Beginning with the scriptural story surrounding the age-old query of "What shall I do to be saved?" the speaker developed her theme with vivid words. "No power on earth," said she to the graduates, "can build a wall strong enough to preclude your highest development. By your own determination coupled with the quality of your energy in action alone can the scope of your service to the world be limited."

When Mrs. Downs finished speaking Prof. Trowbridge delivered diplomas and certificates to the following members of the senior class:

### Diplomas

College Entrance—Margaret Crown Boylan.

Classical—Minnie Mahala Burns, Lamar Galloway, Maud Dewey McNeely.

High School Diploma—Alda Edna English, Pearl Mae Ervin, Elsie Mae Hayes, Ruby Ruteel McLean, Elzora Simpson.

Normal Diploma—Evver Laurence Bame, Minnie Mahala Burns, Ruby Ruteel McLean.

Household Economics—Julia Fay Shuford.

Commercial—Martha Marinda Smart.

### Certificates

Dress Making—Myrtle Issabella Kitchen, Julia Ashley Williamson, Tabitha Dorothy Vining.

Household Economics—Mary Melrose Duckworth, Estelle Reaves.

Stenography—Fay Eva Best, Stella McDonnell, Blanche Willard Ross, Florence Ross, Sarah Catherine Wells.

## COMMUNITY LEAGUE FOR LITTLE RIVER

Two hundred and fifty people of the Little River community assembled last Saturday night at their school house for the two-fold purpose of organizing a Community League and raising funds with which to purchase the equipment for a community cannery by means of an ice cream supper.

As a result of a series of former meetings held at this place by Mr. Lawrence and Miss Cassidey, Farm and Home Demonstration Agents of the County, a scheme for completely organizing the life of the community along the lines of Agricultural, Educational, Moral and Religious, Health, Home, and Social and Recreational Development took root and the event Saturday night marked a big step in community evolution among a naturally progressive and enthusiastic people. The officers of the new organization are: president, Mr. Frank Shuford; vice president, Miss Lillie Picklesimer; secretary, Miss Sallie Merrill; treasurer, Miss Sue Heath. The splendid visions and earnest purposes of these officers are themselves sufficient guarantees of the future success of the venture, but if further assurance was necessary there is an abundance of evidence in the spirit of local pride and ambition which abounds in the community, particularly among the younger men and women.

The social and recreational side of the community life seemed to have found unhampered expression on this occasion, regardless of organized leadership, for one rarely finds a happier scene than that witnessed Saturday evening, when, young and old alike gathered from over the hills and every side of the school grounds where white tables stood under the oaks ready for the pleasure seekers to participate in social converse over their saucers of frozen dainties. Everybody was expectant and happy and the holiday atmosphere prevailed the place.

The proceeds of the sale netted \$30 which will be used for equipment for the community cannery and other necessities.

The next meeting will be held on the regular date, Thursday night June 5, at which time committees will be appointed to lead out along the lines of intensive development mentioned above. Programs of definite activity in these phases of progress will be adopted and the attention of the League will be directed particularly to the considerations of plans for a community fair to be held at this place in the early fall. It is the purpose of the Little River people to go on record for big achievements and great results invariably follow in the track of combined vision, faith and endeavor. We predict that the record which they have already begun is destined to make a chapter of inspiring history for the community and county.

### AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m.—"Ananias and Sapphira."  
8:30 p. m.—"Jesus Only."

Bookkeeping—William Joseph Scruggs.

Prof. Trowbridge also announced the honors won by students and organizations during the past school term: Members of the Lanier Society won the greatest number of points for excellence in all branches of activity in the school community during the session which has just closed.

## STUDENTS HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

In a ceremony beautiful for its simplicity and impressive for sincerity the students of Brevard Institute memorialized the sacrifice of two of their school-mates, Sgt. C. A. McCraw and Pvt. B. E. Ellis, who laid down their lives for Freedom. The service took place in the Institute Chapel on Friday evening and was the first formal exercise of this commencement season.

Capt. T. J. Summey, a former student of the Institute presided over the meeting and Prof. Trowbridge speaking for the school gave brief sketches of the lives of the young men and the records made by them as students.

Sgt. Coleman Almerene McCraw, who fell in battle somewhere in Belgium, was a native of Cleveland County North Carolina. He attended the rural schools adjacent to his home near Shelby and taught two years in the Cleveland County schools.

In the fall of 1915 he entered Brevard Institute. Being a member of the National Guard he was called to service on the Mexican border in June 1916. After eight months of this service he was sent to Camp Sevier where he spent ten months before going overseas. He was killed in battle somewhere in Belgium on July 26th, 1918 at the age of 24.

Private Benj. E. Ellis, the son of J. W. Ellis of Advance, N. C. went to France with the 120th Infantry, 30th Division. He fell in action on the Hindenburg Line near Bellicourt and is buried in the Old Hickory Cemetery.

Private Ellis had been a student at Brevard Institute for three years. He was preparing for the ministry in the M. E. Church when the call to colors came.

At the close of Prof. Trowbridge's remarks Miss Pike sang "Star of Gold."

The address of the evening was delivered by Prof. Knight, who paid a glowing tribute to the patriotic service rendered by the boys who went to France as well as to the loyal sacrifice of those who stayed at home.

When Prof. Knight finished speaking Capt. Summey called for talks by the soldiers in the audience. In response to this invitation a number of former Institute boys related incidents of their lives for the past few months in the service of the flag. Lt. Eugene Allison stated that the irresistible force of American determination did more to break the Hindenburg Line than all the bullets used by the American Army in France.

### BROTHERHOOD DAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

At the request of Blackman Lodge A. F. & A. M. Rev. W. E. Poovey will preach a special sermon to the Masons on Brotherhood Day, Sunday, June 8th, at 11 a. m. at the Methodist church. The members of the fraternity will occupy a reserved section of the main auditorium.

The subject of the sermon will be: "The Measure of a Man."

Other fraternal orders are invited to attend.

### CAPT. OSBORNE BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Capt. and Mrs. V. W. Osborne are with the former's mother, Mrs. W. K. Osborne for a short visit. After serving 18 months in France Capt. Osborne landed last week at New York where he was met by his wife. They will go within a few days to their home at Stone Mountain, Ga.

## CAMP SAPPHIRE OPENS FOR SUMMER

W. McK. Fetzer has arrived and is making preliminary arrangements for opening Camp Sapphire. This camp is now one of the best known summer schools for boys in the south. This year it draws its patronage from every southern state and a number of cities of the west. Mr. Fetzer stated to the News that he expects to have a larger number of students this year than in any previous season in the camp's history. A number of new counsellors have been added to the teaching staff. More than the usual attention is to be paid this year to athletics. A new feature of camp life will be the course in military drill and tactics which is to be conducted by a U. S. officer.

We are glad to see the time come 'round again for the opening of Camp Sapphire. An enterprise of this kind, fostered by an educational leader of the ability of Mr. Fetzer is a distinct and valuable asset to any town.

### DRS. SUMMEY & MCKINNEY TO PRACTICE TOGETHER

After the first of next July Dr. T. J. Summey and Dr. J. Y. McKinney will occupy offices together for the practice of their profession. Dr. McKinney will devote his time to dental work and Dr. Summey expects to give his entire attention to diseases of the nose and throat.

Both these physicians are well known to Brevard and Transylvania County. Dr. Summey was the first Transylvanian to enlist for overseas service after the declaration of war in 1917. He received a first lieutenant's commission and was sent to Camp Sevier where he served several months on the examining board. From Sevier he was transferred to Fort Oglethorpe from which place he went to France in the fall of 1918. Here he had charge of a front line dressing station in close proximity to the Hindenburg line. At the close of the Argonne Drive Lt. Summey was decorated for distinguished service, and before his return to the U. S. he was promoted to the rank of Captain. Dr. Summey left here Tuesday after a visit of ten days to his parents, for Philadelphia where he will take a post-graduate course in the branches of medicine that have particular bearing on the work in which he expects to specialize.

Dr. J. Y. McKinney came to Brevard several years ago from Henderson County. He gave up a large dental practice here to volunteer for military service. He was made first lieutenant and spent most of his time while in the army at Camp Jackson. After his discharge last spring he returned to Brevard and resumed his practice which is winning for him an enviable reputation throughout the county.

### HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of The Brevard High School will be held in the Auditorium June 9—11.

The recitation and declamation contests will be on Monday evening June 9. The graduating exercises of The Senior Class, together with the address and presentation of the diplomas will be on Wednesday morning June 11. The speaker for the occasion is Mr. R. E. Sentelle, of Asheville, N. C., who has been very closely allied with the educational interests of the State, having been a superintendent of City schools; also a County Superintendent. At the present time, he holds a prominent position in Y. M. C. A. work and his varied experience in public work makes him a delightful speaker.

The play, "Valley Farm", will be given Wednesday evening, admission to which will be 35c and 25c.

## THRIFTLESS MONEY USELESS TO COM'TY

"Cut your Liberty Bond coupons and buy Thrift and War Savings Stamps," was the advice given holders of the Second Liberty Loan today by Postmaster J. T. Harrison, Jr. of Sapphire, N. C. Thursday is the day the Government pays interest on the 4 per cent bonds of the Second Loan and the 4½ into which Second Loan Bonds were converted.

"The Liberty Bond interest coupons should be clipped promptly," he said "and promptly reinvested." Thriftless money is of no value to the community. Money should be put where it can earn the most in the safest way, just as the individual should be kept busy. Stagnation is death. The Government, following the Victory Loan, is now paying interest to the people at the rate of nearly a billion dollars a year.

"This is the money earned by the savings of the people invested in the securities of the Government. These earnings should be put to work and there is no better, safer place of employment for money than the War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps issued by the Government, security guaranteed by one hundred and ten millions of people. Two semi-annual interest coupons clipped from \$100.00 four and a quarter per cent bonds will more than buy a War Savings Stamp, costing \$4.16 in 1919.

In January 1924 this War Savings Stamp will be worth \$5.00

The Government is nothing more or less than the people; therefore when the people lose confidence in the Government, they lose confidence in themselves.

The boys have certainly made the supreme sacrifice by offering their lives and it behooves every loyal citizen to help the Government in every honest undertaking it pursues. We are not asked to give our money; only to lend and to receive interest on same.

Respectfully,  
J. T. HARRISON, Jr.

### METHODIST CHURCH OVER THE TOP

The drive recently put on by the Methodist churches in this section to raise their quota of the Centenary Fund, went over the top before the campaign had really started. The Western North Carolina Conference raised one and three quarters of a million dollars of the thirty-five million dollar fund which was the objective of the centenary campaign. The Asheville District raised two hundred and forty thousand dollars and of this amount the Brevard and Oak Grove churches contributed eight thousand dollars. This was one thousand dollars more than the official quota fixed for the local churches. While a number of leaders in the two churches hoped to push the sum up to nine thousand, they do not feel at all disappointed with the showing made by the Transylvania churches.

### CHANGE IN HOUR FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Services will be held in the Brevard Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Davidson River church at four p. m. on the same day. Special attention is called to the change in the hour for services at the Brevard Presbyterian church. Rev. J. R. Hay, who has been attending the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church in New Orleans, is on his way home and expects to fill his appointments here next Sunday.

## W. O. W. TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Western N. C. Log-Rolling Association in convention assembled at Old Fort, N. C., April 28th, 1919, and after due discussion decided to hold Memorial service in Hendersonville, N. C., June 1st, 1919, in honor of our Heroes who gave their lives in the greatest war known in the annals of the world that mankind should be free and that the same kind, Fraternal spirit so nobly reflected in woodcraft should reign supreme, and at this same meeting to have a joyful reception to our returning Heroes. We will have the unveiling of the Service Flag as well as prominent speakers on this occasion.

Hendersonville was chosen as the place of this meeting on account of the fact that Josephus Cullen Root, the founder of all Woodcraft, died here.

Please see that your Camp is well represented and that all the soldiers of your Camp come in uniform. Impress upon them that it is their patriotic duty to attend this gathering.

Fraternally,  
J. C. BROWN, Clerk,  
White Pine Camp 213,  
Hendersonville, N. C.

## B. I. SUMMER SCHOOL CREDITED

Prof. C. H. Trowbridge has received a communication from the State Board of Examiners which contains a copy of a resolution passed by that body at its regular meeting at Raleigh in May. The resolution states that the Brevard Institute Summer School "shall be put on the basis of County Summer Schools for institute attendance credits and that credits for original and renewal certificates be one and one-half times that of the County Summer Schools."

This comes as a distinct official commendation of the work being done by Mr. Trowbridge in the Summer session at Brevard Institute. The Institute will this summer offer comprehensive courses in literary, scientific and classical subjects as well as all branches of the manual arts. As has been the custom in previous summer schools here special emphasis will be placed on the teacher training course. Students of the summer school will have the use of the library, laboratories and other equipment of the local institution which has been brought up to a high standard by Mr. Trowbridge and his assistants.

### SALVATION ARMY MISSED TOP IN DRIVE

In the recent drive for funds for the Salvation Army Transylvania County was given a quota of \$750 which was to be raised by last Saturday night. The sum of \$500 had been contributed to this cause when the campaign closed on Saturday. However the time has been extended and it is thought that the entire amount will be secured without any trouble. In falling short of her quota in this drive Transylvania was not alone. Asheville contributed less than half her quota and the south failed by several thousand dollars to raise \$1,361,000, the amount asked of the southern states. In a statement sent out from the southern headquarters of the Salvation Army leaders of the organization declare they have not lost confidence in the generosity of the south. They say that when the southern people who are the real friends of the Salvation Army realize its need for money they will contribute any amount required.