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TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG WOMAN

The whole community was shocked and grieved last Friday morning to learn of the death in Atlanta, Ga., of Miss Allie Belle Cloud.

Most of her girlhood and young womanhood had been spent in Brevard, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cloud, now of Asheville, long resided. For the last several years she had made her home in Atlanta, where she was working at the time of her death.

Her body, accompanied by the members of her immediate family, a cousin from Atlanta, and friends from Asheville, arrived at noon on Friday, and was carried immediately to the Presbyterian church, where it lay embowered in flowers until the next day. At ten thirty on Saturday the funeral services were held in the church, her pastor, Rev. J. R. Hay, officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove cemetery, the pall bearers being: J. A. Miller, J. W. Smith, R. S. Morgan, Mac Allison, John Summey, R. L. Gash, Overton Erwin, and Percy Verdery.

The circumstances leading to Miss Allie Belle's death were very sad. On Sunday afternoon she was about to go for a ride with friends when she ran up stairs to take a dose of medicine. In her hurry she took bichloride of mercury by mistake. She was rushed immediately to the Grady hospital and everything possible was done to eliminate the poison, but several days effort proved unavailing and she died Wednesday night. Her mother and cousin were with her at the end.

She died as a Christian should. She knew when the poison could not be eliminated that she must go. She had sweet converse with a minister called in and with her mother. With almost her last breath she commended her soul to God. With a pressure of the hand and a whispered "good night" to her loved ones, she was gone. Early in life she had joined the Methodist church of Brevard under Mr. Tuttle's ministry, and later moved with her family to the Presbyterian church of which she was a member at the time of her death.

She was a sweet attractive young lady, a competent young business woman, a dutiful and unselfish daughter and sister. The hearts of a large circle of friends go out in sympathy to her loved ones, and particularly to her brother away in the service of his country and unable to come to her funeral.

INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

A. F. Fullbright of Brevard had a narrow escape from death last Monday when the car he was driving fell down an embankment about 200 feet high. The accident occurred on the road between Rosman and Lake Toxaway, a short distance from Rosman. The auto was driven by Mr. Fullbright, who, in passing a wagon, ran too far over the embankment at the roadside. The bank gave way under the weight of the machine and it went over. Mr. Fullbright was accompanied by a small boy who fell beside a log when the automobile made the first turn and was uninjured, but the man was not so fortunate. He was seriously bruised and mangled by the fall. He was taken to Rosman where he was attended by Dr. E. L. English. It is stated that the patient is still in a critical condition.

DR. E. S. ENGLISH ADVISES ECONOMY

Mr. Editor:

I notice in a recent issue of your paper a statement by our health officer advising the county commissioners to buy enough anti-typhoid vaccine to inoculate every man, woman and child in the county, at a cost of 12 1/2 cents per each person. I am in favor of doing anything reasonable to prevent sickness, but it would be just like small pox vaccination. A great number of people would resist the treatment, and by the time the commissioners paid for the treatment, and paid a physician to administer three doses to each person, ten days elapsing between each dose, it would cost the county four or five thousand dollars, and the same treatment would have to be administered each year. I understand the Board of Education and County Superintendent contemplate employing a whole-time health officer. No physician of any ability could afford to take it for less than three thousand dollars a year, and the way we are burdened with taxes now, it is unreasonable to think about doing such a thing.

The last General Assembly, trying to economize, created an office of Public Welfare which is to cost each county \$1,200 a year. We are now paying about eighty thousand dollars a year taxes. The U. S. government has purchased about seventy thousand acres of land which is non-taxable. This leaves the county about 24 miles in length and 15 miles breadth of taxable property. Taxes now are almost confiscatory and I think it is time the commissioners and board of education begin to economize instead of appointing new officers.

Respectfully,
E. S. ENGLISH.

J. L. OSTEEEN HOME FROM FRANCE

J. L. Osteen a member of one of the first contingents of Transylvania boys to go to a military training camp arrived at his home near Selma recently and paid the NEWS a call on Monday. Mr. Osteen was trained for service at Camp Jackson and went overseas with the 81st Division. He was in the Argonne Forest on November the 11th 1918 a very short distance from the German lines when the hour came for the cessation of hostilities. "The Huns" said he "were glad when the fighting was over. The minute the firing ceased the Boches nearest us laid down their guns and came over to our lines. They helped us take care of our wounded and seemed eager to be friendly." Mr. Osteen was a member of the ambulance corps. He stated that the Heinies were especially fond of dropping bombs on ambulances. It was no uncommon sight, according to his account, to see several ambulances that were filled with wounded Americans instantly and completely wiped out by a carefully aimed German bomb.

PISGAH FOREST IS NOW THIRD CLASS

Announcement has been made that the post office at Pisgah Forest has been elevated from fourth to third class. Receipts at this office it is stated have increased over \$500.00 in the past year. This action on the U. S. Postal department puts the Pisgah Forest office in the presidential class of post offices. Since the amount of business done by the post office is accepted as a gauge of the commercial activity and growth of a community, Pisgah Forest is without doubt now really on the map.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the Brevard Graded School opened on Monday evening with the annual recitation and declamation contest in the city auditorium. The Brevard Betterment Association offers each year a prize of five dollars to the winner in each of these contests, which are open to members of the four highest grades in the school. The competitors of 1919 decided that the successful speakers this year would accept as individuals the honor of their triumph and give the money award to the grade represented. The prize money is to be used to help purchase some special equipment for the room of the winner's grade in the new high school building.

Misses Ada Hamilton, Helen Justus Myrtle Garren, and Lillian King took part in the recitation contest. Miss Lillian King, of the ninth grade, who recited "Welcome Sweet Day of Rest" won the prize.

Contestants for the declamation prize were Blanton Mitchell, Robert Kimzey, William Perkins, and Chas. Moore. This prize also went to a member of the ninth grade, Mr. Chas. Moore, who presented to the audience the word of Poincaré of Verdun.

A feature of Monday evening's program which won applause was the singing of a chorus and a two part song by the young ladies of the High School department. The hit of the evening was made by the members of the Fourth Grade, who, clad in traditional colonial costume, danced the minuet for the delighted spectators. The audience was breathless with merriment as it watched the courtly gentlemen doff their plumed hats and bow before their ladies, who tossed powdered curls, waved gauzy fans and trod the stately measures of the minuet with quite the grand air.

Wednesday was Class Day. The exercises were held in the auditorium and began with the address by the president, Clarence Deaver. The class history was read by Miss Ruth Duckworth, the prophecy by Miss Ethel Kilpatrick, and the will by Miss Irene Duckworth. Miss Vernoe Ashworth gave the class poem. Prof. A. F. Mitchell, superintendent of county schools, delivered their diplomas to the graduates. In addition to those who took part in the program the following are members of the class of 1919—Miss Myrtle Garren, Ted Clement, and Byron Olney. The high school chorus sang one number and the class song was rendered by the graduates.

At the close of the class day program came the baccalaureate address which was made by Prof. A. H. Hutchins, director of the department of history in the Asheville high school. The speaker was introduced by Superintendent Mitchell and at once secured the close interest of his audience by his manner of speaking as well as by the force of his words. His remarks were not addressed solely to members of the graduating class, but claimed the attention and thought of all public spirited citizens who were privileged to hear them. The present, Prof. Hutchins declared, is the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the public schools of the country, a time when the people of each community must take a vital interest in the schools, an interest strong enough to give the teachers unwavering support and salaries at least partially commensurate with the services they are expected to render. The time is pass, the speaker said, when a mediocre class of teachers can be tolerated in our public schools and we cannot expect experts to continue teaching on starvation pay.

TRANSYLVANIA EDUCATOR APPRECIATED

Prof. T. C. Henderson, principal of the graded school at Pembroke, N. C., spent a short time here Saturday en route from Pembroke to his home at Quebec. He has just closed a year of very successful work in the eastern part of the state. As an expression of appreciation for his efforts the Pembroke educational authorities in re-electing the popular teacher for another term increased his salary 25 per cent for the coming term.

Prof. Henderson's many friends in this section are congratulating him on the well-merited recognition which he has received. He was for a number of years superintendent of schools in this county. During his administration Transylvania County was brought from a position of educational oblivion to the fore front of the ranks of North Carolina Counties that blazed the way for a new epoch in the school history of the state. Mr. Henderson's work in Transylvania received the commendation of educational experts of the state and nation and to his efforts largely are due the advantages enjoyed now by the school children of this county. Prof. Henderson will spend the summer with his family at their home at Quebec.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS IN "VALLEY FARM"

The Brevard High School pupils have long enjoyed an enviable reputation in the county won by the superiority of their dramatic productions. On Wednesday evening the High School players presented "Valley Farm" to a capacity audience in the city auditorium, and added new honors to their records of histrionic successes. The stars of the performance as well as each individual of the group of supporting players are receiving warm commendation for their skillful interpretation of the various characters portrayed. Those in the cast were: Misses Ethel Kilpatrick, Irene Duckworth, Vernoe Ashworth, Miriam Silversteen, Helen Justus, Jennie Aiken, Chas. Ray, Geo. Simpson, Robert Kimzey, Joe Clayton, Ted Clement, and Clarence Deaver.

J. A. BRYSON BACK ON THE JOB

Joe Bryson who has served Brevard as chief of police for a number of years, is back on our streets again as the visible force of law and order. Mr. Bryson resigned the position as chief of police here last winter on his appointment as chief sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives at Raleigh. Mr. Bryson has made many friends here as an officer and he is receiving a hearty welcome back to his old position. It is thought probable that the city board will decide to add an extra member to the local police force in which case it is stated that J. A. Sims, who has been acting head of the police force for the past several weeks will be appointed assistant to Chief Bryson.

CLUB WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of the Wednesday Book Club took place at its meeting on Wednesday afternoon which occurred at the residence of Mrs. D. G. Ward. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wodbridge were joint hostesses on this occasion. Mrs. J. S. Silversteen was elected president, Mrs. J. S. Broomfield, vice-president; Mrs. E. W. Blythe, recording secretary and Mrs. O. L. Erwin, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

Rev. W. E. Poovey, the pastor, will preach at Oak Grove Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

ILLITERACY DOOMED IN TRANSYLVANIA

During the past school-year Transylvania has done more than her part in the state-wide campaign against adult illiteracy. Several moonlight schools have been in progress in various parts of the county in the last twelve months. Of these the one at Rosman has enrolled the largest number of pupils. This school has been taught by Mr. W. L. Carmichael of Davidson River. Mr. Carmichael is a former superintendent of public schools in this county and has had years of experience in teaching. He states though that he has never witnessed any joy equal in degree to the delight of the gray-haired pupils of the Rosman moonlight school in learning to read and write. Their enthusiasm he says is unflagging and the rapidity with which they achieve the reading of their first sentence is astonishing. Mr. Carmichael has introduced a new feature into his teaching of adults which probably accounts in a large measure for the success of his efforts. He makes a practice of calling on his pupils in their homes at stated intervals for the purpose of reading with them, and in this way gives them the advantage of private lessons in reading. He has taught, during the past few months, pupils from 21 to 86 and each member of his class is now able to find the way alone out of the bondage of illiteracy. The moonlight school at Rosman it is said has been a remarkable stimulus to the life of the community. The circulation of papers and standard periodicals has increased by a large percent. Commercial enterprises of the community have also felt the effect of the moonlight school in the deposit of funds in the bank by persons who have withheld their money before because of inability to sign their names to checks. But perhaps the most valuable result of the work of the adult schools will be the cultivation of a new and stronger interest in education on the part of citizens who have taken only a superficial interest before, a new community interest in community schools. The voting of special tax, the building of new school houses, the consolidation of districts, the adoption of any measure for the benefit of the public schools, is the natural outcome of the work of the moon light schools.

TROUT BECOMING SCARCE IN MILLS RIVER

Beginning on last Monday fishermen in Pisgah National Forest have found Mills River closed. The order prohibiting fishing in this stream has been issued by the forest supervisor for the purpose of protecting the small trout in this part of the national forest preserve. It is stated that while there are plenty of small trout to be found in this river, few of them measure up to the required standard of eight inches. If there is not a right proportion of large fish in a stream a large number of small ones are usually taken in getting the legal limit of fifteen. Most of the small ones caught and put back in the river usually die from effects of handling. The present scarcity of large trout in Mills River is attributed to the fact that for some years before the Pisgah forest passed from the Vanderbilt estate into the hands of the government the streams had not been stocked with fish.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

June 15th, 1919.
9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
Preaching 11:00 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. by the pastor.

LADY EVANGELIST TO LEAD IN MEETINGS

At the Methodist church Mrs. Olin P. Ader, Evangelist, will preach at both the morning and evening hours Sunday, June 15th.

This is to be the beginning of a series of evangelistic services which may continue for two weeks. Mrs. Ader will be assisted by her husband who is pastor of the Haywood Street Methodist church in Asheville.

Mrs. Ader has had fifteen years experience in evangelistic work, and is a gospel preacher of earnestness and power.

Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of the Brevard church, invites co-operation of all the Christian forces in this meeting. There will be two services daily—at 10 a. m. and at 8:30 p. m.—after Monday.

LAMAR LEWIS PRAISES Y. M. C. A.

Am just back from a pass to Grenoble. We stayed in a nice hotel; had plenty to eat. That was the first bed I had slept in since I was in New York. There was a big "Y" there where we could buy most anything we wanted to eat, even ice cream and a good show every night.

The "Y" had trips planned for every day. We were there one day and they would take us in the mountains and next to some old fort or something and next over the city; somewhere every day. That was the first time I really had a chance to see what the "Y" was doing for the soldiers.

I don't agree with George F. Woodfin in his letter to the "Brevard News". I don't know much about what the Salvation Army or K. or C. is doing but I do know that the "Y" is making my stay in France more pleasant than would have been the case without it. They furnish us books and magazines to read and give us plenty of stationery, which I doubt very much we would have had if it had not been for them. It is true they were not on the front lines like I had heard and the fellows behind the lines got more benefit from the "Y" than the ones on the firing line, but in the leave areas the "Y" is doing a great work. I doubt very much if we would have had the leave areas if it hadn't been for the "Y". I have heard that in some cases certain "Y" canteens have charged too much for their stuff but I have never seen it. In fact they sold us cigarettes, tobacco and candy as cheap or cheaper than we could have bought it in the States. I state frankly that I consider the Y. M. C. A. to be a worthwhile organization.

I wish some of the boys over here would answer that Woodfin fellow's letter. He said anybody that had seen any active service would agree with him. Well, I saw a little and I don't agree with him.

LAMAR LEWIS.

BREVARD ATTRACTS BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

About ten days ago a party of motorists from South Carolina came to Brevard for a brief outing. So favorably impressed were two members of the party with Brevard and her surroundings that they returned this week to begin negotiations for locating here. These visitors, Messrs J. G. Watson and John Cantrell, are well-known business men of Landrum, S. C. It is understood that they contemplate opening here in the near future a retail grocery business. We will be glad to welcome these South Carolinians to our town.