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POOR SERVICE TO BE THING OF THE PAST

A meeting of the business men of the town was held at the Brevard Club last Friday evening for the purpose of taking immediate and definite action with a view to giving the people of the town and county adequate telephone service. About twenty men were present and it was decided to form a telephone service corporation provided a minimum capital of ten thousand dollars could be secured. This amount was subscribed in a short time. Any number of twenty-five dollar shares may be bought by any citizen of the county who wishes to purchase them. A meeting of the stockholders of the new corporation will be called the latter part of this week to appoint the necessary committees to take up the matter of perfecting an organization. However the actual work of installing the new system has already commenced and is not to be delayed by the transaction of formalities in connection with organizing the new corporation. People of the town and county are solidly backing the movement made by those present at the meeting Friday night. The people are all right together on the question of the need of dependable telephone service. Every man present at the club rooms Friday night except one bought stock and pledged undivided support to the work of the new public service enterprise.

It is stated by members of the new company that the action taken at their recent meeting was in response to the absolute urgency of the need for telephone service by residents of the town and county. It is understood that a meeting was held about eight months ago to request better service from the present telephone management. The service rendered at that time was declared by a number of subscribers to be about as poor as possible. In reply to the requests made at that time the management promised better service just as soon as some necessary repairs could be made. However it is stated that very little material improvement was ever made and that no tangible effort has been made during the past two months to give other than extremely indifferent attention to the interests of the patrons of the telephone system. This continued disregard of the promise made some months ago has resulted in the steps taken by the people of the town to relieve a situation which has become a menace to continued pursuit of the activities of its population.

GIRLS OF KEYSTONE CAMP ENTERTAIN

On Wednesday evening July the thirtieth "Ye colonial maids of ye Keystone Kamp" were at home to their friends from Brevard, French Broad Camp and Camp Sapphire. The guests were received at the gate by two colonial maids who gave each visitor a bouquet of mountain flowers and ushered them into "ye stately dance hall" where they were welcomed by Mrs. McCuen and Miss Holt costumed as Martha Washington and Molly Pitcher. After the guests had all assembled two Spanish dancers arrived and danced the Cachuca to the music of mandolins and guitars played by a band of Gypsy girls. An interpretative dance, "Evening" was given by Miss Katherine Ellis. The last number on this part of the program was an oriental dance by Misses Isabelle Brentley and Lucile Brady, who wore Turkish costumes. At the close of the program dancing was general among the guests and punch was served throughout the evening by clowns and pages.

BREVARD'S RAILROAD SCHEDULE

"Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's", therefore allow me to state that all honor and praise is due to the Southern Railroad for its great triumph in conquering the seemingly impassible passes and peaks of the Blue Ridge and giving to the people of Western North Carolina an outlet to the outer world.

And why I ask has this same "Southern" recently seemingly specialized against Brevard and her surrounding territory?

For this season this road for the want of a proper system has bottled up Brevard.

Why have other towns received better schedules than they had last summer and why has Brevard received much less than she has had in passed seasons?

Are their interests working against Brevard to which the Southern has lent an ear? I appeal to the Brevard Club to find out why the Southern has discriminated against Brevard? And why the Southern will not promise a better schedule for next season?

Brevard in spite of the spiteful and murderous policy of the Southern is now teeming with summer visitors, yes, in spite of the bottling process of the Southern. This is due to the superior accommodations, climate and scenery offered by Brevard to tourists.

Yes, a suicidal policy of the Southern. The Southern is neglecting a great opportunity for travel and freight, no section of Western North Carolina offers such inducements to tourists and business men as Brevard and Transylvania County, our scenery is the finest and our natural resources are the greatest of any county in Western North Carolina, therefore to that extent it is a suicidal policy in the Southern to bottle up this fair section, a section that has been a great and would be a greater feeder to the Southern, and there must be a season for this discrimination against this section.

In my opinion the Brevard business men should see to it that we are given a proper schedule for this season and a guarantee that we will have a proper schedule for all future seasons.

Why did we not receive at least the same schedule given three years ago? The want of real railroad facilities is killing and will finally kill Brevard, business enterprises are paralyzed by want of fair dealing from and confidence in the railroad.

Why will not the Southern aid us in development and received the benefit of that development? Yes growth of Brevard is strangled and her business men are losing confidence and hope, due entirely to the unjust treatment meted out at the hands of the Southern. Citizens who are anxious to erect houses in Brevard are prevented from so doing by the short sighted policy of the Southern.

Cannot our business men obtain a promise from the Southern of fair and honest and therefore different treatment in the future?

I will repeat that I appreciate the fact that the Southern has done more for the people in these mountains than any other road at the same time justice has not been given to Brevard and Transylvania County.

We should make our greatest kick against the treatment we have received and are receiving at the hands of the Southern, while we are at present kicking against the poor telephone service given Brevard. Brevard is a live town and should demand and receive the best, so let us continue to kick the present telephone system and push the subscription for

NOAH M. HOLLOWELL BUYS THE HUSTLER

The last issue of the Hendersonville News carried the announcement that Noah M. Hollowell, editor of the News, had purchased the controlling stock in the French Broad Hustler. The sale takes effect to-day, August the first.

The two newspaper plants will be consolidated for the publication of one weekly, the French Broad Hustler, of which Mr. Hollowell will be editor. He is well-known as a newspaper man in Western North Carolina. For several years he was connected with the Asheville Citizen. Later he was editor of THE BREVARD NEWS and for the past few months has been editor of THE NEWS at Hendersonville. He is the founder and president of the Western North Carolina Press Association.

The French Broad Hustler was established at Brevard by M. L. Shipman over a quarter of a century ago and in order to serve in the Bryan campaign of 1896 more effectively it was moved to Hendersonville, there being in its equipment only a Washington hand press, four cases of news type and some display type for advertisements, which did not make moving the gigantic task it would be today. The Hustler was set up as a live democratic institution on the second floor of the State Bank of Commerce, where the Rose Pharmacy is now, and rental was only \$4 per month. The Hustler was not brought back to Brevard as was contemplated following the Bryan campaign. Its next notable endeavor was for the abolishment of the two saloons then in Hendersonville, and from that time on the paper wore her war paint and battled for school facilities, for improved streets and town and county improvements. Soon Mr. Shipman was participating in politics to the extent that he received an office and moved to Raleigh, where he now holds the office of State Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

About ten years ago a stock company was formed. Mr. Shipman had been the majority stockholder since organization and was moved to dispose of his interest by reason that he could not perform his official duties at Raleigh and give the newspaper business the attention such an institution required from its principal stockholders.

The BREVARD NEWS extends to Editor Hollowell fraternal greetings and best wishes for continuous success as he embarks upon his new enterprise.

A new system, let all subscribe, except slackers and pro-germans.

A. CITIZEN.

BREVARD TO HAVE A NEW GROCERY STORE

New and convincing evidence of the increasing commercial growth of Brevard is the announcement of the opening here of the grocery business of Watson and Cantrell in the store recently vacated by Plummer & Trantham. The building has been overhauled and thoroughly equipped for the handling of an up-to-date line of staple and fancy groceries.

Messrs. Watson and Cantrell propose to accommodate the purses and satisfy the palates of Brevard's population by carrying a line of goods that will appeal to the most discriminating purchasers. They will make a speciality of every feature of their business and expect to keep abreast of the times and equal to the trade requirements of the town. Only the best and most popular brands of groceries and provisions will be kept and the house expects to make it a rule to consider its patrons, not as customers alone, but also as friends, and low prices, fresh goods, and the best of treatment will be the inducements offered.

Both Mr. Watson and Mr. Cantrell are South Carolinians and have for a number of years past been connected with one of the largest wholesale houses in their native state. They came to Brevard a few weeks ago on a vacation and were so much pleased with the town and people that they at once began to make plans to locate here, and the opening of the new store is the result of negotiations commenced then. In the advance and development of our town with reference to the commercial affairs the retail grocery trade must always occupy a very prominent position as a branch of merchantile pursuit, contributing in no small degree to the commercial importance of the community and we are glad to welcome these two live-wire representatives of the trade of Brevard.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. Visitors invited.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the pastor on "THE EVOLUTION OF THE IDEA OF GOD"

8:00 P. M.—Open-Air Service, beginning at sundown and closing before dark. Sermon by the pastor on, "The Teachings of Night."

Preaching at Oak Grove at 4:00 P. M.

Pvt. George F. Woodfin has returned from France. Pvt. Woodfin enlisted in the engineer corps at the beginning of the war and was overseas almost a year. After receiving his discharge he re-enlisted and will continue in the service of Uncle Sam.

SUN-RISE FROM MOUNTAIN SUMMIT

A Word Picture

"At 4:30 A. M. the dawn began to edge the eastern horizon with a fringe of gray; and the sable draperies which the night had dropped about the couch of the slumbering mountain were slowly being lifted again. A wave of light, which at the first was but a faintly quivering ripple seemed perceptibly to ebb and flow as if pushed higher and higher by the powerful pulsations of a mighty, throbbing heart. As this pulsing wave broke over the rugged rim of darkness it seemed to fling from its silvery crest a crystal spray, which shimmering earthward through the shadows, hung itself like a bridal veil of light upon the higher peaks while its filmy folds floated down till they rested upon the fog that filled the valleys. When the eyes were lifted again to the horizon, a blush of delicate color was seen to have diffused itself over the brightening sky. Alternate ribbons of radiant crimson and gold were creeping up and spreading out fan-like, forming a halo of glory about the brow of the morning. Then, as we watched, a quivering rim of fire came into view, and it seemed almost like the old mountain had lifted himself bodily, and stood on tiptoe to receive the first kiss of the rising sun upon his rugged brow.

Who can stand surrounded by the solemn grandeur of majestic mountains, and witness the splendid glory of the sunrise without having his soul overwhelmed with a sense of the majesty and glory of God?"

(From an open-air sermon by Rev. W. E. Poovey on "The Message of The Mountains.")

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES FOR BREVARD

The people of Brevard and Transylvania are urged to attend a meeting in the Court House next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing some form of Associated Charities; so that those who are unable to have medical and surgical treatment may be given proper care in time to save their lives when sudden emergencies arise. Judging the future by the past, we shall have a number of people sick and in need of help this fall and winter. With an organization of many members, the membership fees or contributions will be small and the good accomplished beyond computation. While it is time "Come and let us reason together" and bring about such an organization as will make us know and feel that we are a band of Good Samaritans. Such an organization has the approval of the ministers, the mayor and all good people. The unfortunate of many other communities have such blessings, why not those in our fair hills and valleys? They will if we are what we call ourselves.

DEATH OF LADY VISITOR

Miss Fannie Pyles died Wednesday afternoon. Miss Pyles was nineteen years of age and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Pyles of Palm Beach, Fla. She had been an invalid most of her life and this spring came with her mother and younger brothers and sisters to Brevard seeking benefit from the mountain climate. They took the Holmes cottage on Maple Street and for a time the sufferer seemed to rally; but her frail strength was almost spent when she came here and her death on Wednesday afternoon had been expected for several hours.

All the members of her immediate family were with her when the end came and her body was taken to Palm Beach on the Thursday afternoon train by her mother and father.

The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the grief-stricken relatives in their hour of sorrow.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—The second of a series of sermons on Consecration..

8:30 P. M.—"Harvest Time" Strangers invited.

FAYETTE RAXTER TO MAKE A TRIP THRU PANAMA CANAL

A trip through the Panama Canal with one of the largest fleets ever scheduled to pass through the famous waterway will be made by Private Fayette Raxter, of Brevard, who is serving with the U. S. Marines on board the U. S. S. Wyoming. The Wyoming is with the squadron which recently left Hampton Roads on the first leg of its journey to join the Pacific Fleet.

Private Raxter and other sea soldiers of the squadron will visit Colon, Panama City and other famous ports along the route. Big plans are being made for the reception of the fleet when it reaches the West Coast. President Wilson is expected to review the battleships upon their arrival at San Francisco about August the 15th. After a short stay at San Francisco the itinerary calls for a visit to Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, where some of the fleet will make its base for future operations.

Private Raxter is a brother of Oscar Raxter of Brevard.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WITH FATHER'S GUN

Edith Steamy, a bright little girl of nine years of age was accidentally shot last Saturday evening near the depot. The bullet entered her back just over the right hip near the spine and after piercing the bladder ranged downward. At the last report the bullet had not been located. If she survives the day as we go to press, the chances for her recovery will be in her favor. Mr. White, an intimate friend of the family, thought he had taken all the cartridges out of the pistol, only to discover after it was too late that he had left one in the pistol. The history of the empty pistol and gun repeats itself all too often.

SPEAKER FROM KOREA AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Reynolds of Korea delivered a lecture at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning. He gave a comprehensive review of the development of Korea during the past thirty years. The speaker was thoroughly conversant with his subject and held the close attention of his audience with his vivid delineation of the life and customs of the people of Korea. Rev. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the committee appointed some years ago to make a Korean translation of the Bible. This committee was appointed by the American Bible Society and was composed of the best-known authorities on the Korean language in the world. Mr. Reynolds spoke Sunday evening at Davidson River. After a stay of several months in this country he will return to Korea when he try he will return to Korea where he will resume his work as a teacher.

MEETING OF U. D. C.

The regular meeting of the Transylvania Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in the Chapter House on Saturday afternoon at five-thirty. The president of the organization urges all members to be present at this meeting as matters of vital importance to the work of the local chapter are to be discussed.

BAPTISTS GO IN FOR MAMMATH SUM

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga, in May, with more than 5000 Baptists assembled, it was unanimously decided to raise 75 million dollars, for missions, in home and foreign lands; for their more than 130 educational institutions; for their many orphanages and hospitals; for their aged ministers; and for the National Memorial Church, dedicated to Roger Williams and Religious Liberty, to be built in Washington.

The name of the campaign is the "Baptist 75 Million Campaign." The time for the big drive will be November 30th to December 7. This will be called "Victory Week", at which time cash and pledges payable in 5 years are to be raised to the amount of more than 75 million dollars.

Three million Baptists are to go in and put it over. It is to be the greatest and meaningful movement ever inaugurated by Southern Baptists. Its issues to the cause of Christ are incalculable. This money will help every phase of religious life represented by Baptists throughout the whole world. It is expected that every Baptist Church, more than 25 thousand of them, and every Baptist member, more than 3 million, will put themselves in a great fashion into this movement.