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BREVARD GROWING VERY RAPIDLY

Transylvania County is developing as never before. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant has Brevard taken such rapid strides along the path of progress as in the past year. The great crowds of visitors who flocked here from all over the country this summer are leaving filled with enthusiastic opinions of the scenic grandeur and marvelous beauty of our vine clad hills, peaceful valleys, glittering waterfalls and turbulent streams. They are leaving with the determination to come again and SOON. Some have already planned to stay and others only wait the opportunity to move to our town and county.

Transylvania County grows steadily year by year in popular favor as a summer resort and many native Transylvanians who have sought their fortunes in other states and numbers of those who have visited these hills only wait the development of some such project as the proposed electric railroad from here to Greenville, S. C. to bring them back to stay. The crowded conditions and lack of accommodations this season demonstrates the fact that there is need of more hotels in Brevard, more rentable residences, more office and store buildings. While there is to be a new office and store building in the near future at this time there is not an available vacant store in Brevard. NOT ONE. There are new enterprises begging for office and store space every day.

The last issue of the *Brevard News* carried the report that Brevard Institute opened the fall term with the largest enrollment of its history, in fact the dormitory accommodations are already inadequate for the demands of the term. The Brevard public school opened this week with a high school course of study and a new building almost completed that would be a credit to a town many times the size of Brevard. Real estate is steadily changing hands and the merchants of Brevard have never known such a good business season. Truly Brevard is building, booming, and growing. The Transylvania Tanning Company has been rebuilt in the past few months with an enlarged capacity. So many new enterprises and buildings are being planned and so many improvements are about to be made that the progress of Brevard and Transylvania County is attracting the attention of the whole state. Financiers are becoming interested in the wonderful resources of Transylvania County and a goodly number of our leading citizens are eager to make this county the garden spot of the Carolinas. There is no better land in American for truck gardening and livestock that right here in old Transylvania.

While Brevard, as a summer resort, has been steadily growing year by year it is realized that factories that have a yearly payroll are worth far more to the future of our town and the proposed R. R. ought to bring more.

Everyone is anxious to see the electric road from here to Greenville a reality and all are ready to back the movement to their utmost limit. Railway connection between Brevard and Greenville has been advocated for years by several of the most progressive citizens of this county. In fact this road was advocated in a published statement by a citizen of Brevard in 1908—(W. P. Whitmire). IT CAN BE DONE and must be done.

Everyone is waiting anxiously for our local organizations and leading citizens to start the ball rolling. The absolute necessity of a connect-

COMMUNITY CANNERY IN OPERATION

The first community cannery to be operated in Transylvania County has just opened at Quebec. This enterprise is the result of the work begun some months ago by the Home Demonstration Club of Quebec. The young ladies of this organization began canning vegetables on a small scale in the early part of the summer and were so successful with their efforts that the entire community became interested in the project of canning home-grown fruit and vegetables. The interest became so widespread that the undertaking soon outgrew the capacity of the equipment the club was able to procure. In order that the work of the Club girls might not be handicapped by avoidable limitation the public spirited farmers of the Quebec section decided to form a stock company for the purpose of operating a community cannery at Quebec which would conserve food for the people of the immediate neighborhood as well as to furnish an outlet for surplus products of the vicinity by operating a commercial canning plant. The new establishment is equipped with the most up-to-date apparatus for preserving garden products, and the plant is so arranged that enlargements can be made at any time.

The stock holders of the new company have elected the following board of directors: W. B. Henderson, chairman; W. H. Reece, T. C. McCall, Misses Maxie Reece and Norma Chapman.

Miss Roxie Reece is manager of the cannery.

SUMMER RESIDENT OF CEDAR CEDAR MOUNTAIN DEAD

John G. Capers died at his home in Washington City last Friday. The end came suddenly and followed a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Capers was about fifty-three years of age. He was a native of South Carolina and was at one time district attorney for that state. He also held the office of commissioner of internal revenue for several years.

Mr. Capers was among the first to visit this county of the large group of South Carolinians who now come to Cedar Mt. every summer. Mr. Capers was an ardent admirer of the natural beauties of this section and did much to bring large numbers of southern visitors here.

ing link between Transylvania County and the South is a certainty in the mind of every citizen of this county who is vitally interested in the future development of this section and the people are talking of the railroad as never before. The politicians ought to get together on this question. It is realized that outside capital is becoming interested and only awaits the solid backing of the movement by the citizens of the county. However, those most interested in the matter declare that the citizens of the county are in a body for this road and are willing to vote any reasonable amount to make it a surety. It is pointed out that Transylvania can well afford to build the road with the use of only a small per cent of outside capital. Everyone believes in and wants the road, but there are a good many different views in regard to the correct way to proceed. So the next thing to do is to have a MASS MEETING and let this great project be discussed and an organization formed to take this matter up in a definite manner.

A BELIEVER IN BREVARD'S FUTURE.

CITY SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

The Brevard public school opened the fall term of the 1919-20 session last Monday morning. Owing to the fact that the auditorium in the new high school building has not yet been completed the opening exercises were held in the primary department of the graded school. For this reason a large number of the patrons of the school were unable to find standing room at the opening exercises. The attendance last Monday was larger than at the beginning of any previous session of the local schools. The large number of high school students present was especially noticeable.

The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. J. C. Seagle who made a short and forceful talk to the pupils. After Mr. Seagle had finished speaking Mis Tyner, the principal of the high school, announced to the high school students that she was unable to say when the work of the high school would begin on account of the unfinished condition of the new building.

BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN PRINTER'S INK

The value of systematic newspaper advertising is becoming recognized more and more as an efficient means of carrying on the work of every agency that takes a part in the upbuilding of a community.

In fact so general has become the custom of using newspaper space for getting the attention of the public that progressive church workers throughout the country are using printer's ink to broaden their spheres of usefulness. Workers of the local Baptist church have taken the lead of Transylvania churches in this form of progressiveness. In inaugurating the Transylvania division of the nation wide million dollar campaign which is being carried on by the Baptists Church they have decided to use a page of display advertising in the *Brevard News* during the whole period of the drive in this county. Rev. C. C. Duckworth is chairman of the publicity section of the campaign committee in this county.

DELEGATES APPOINTED

Delegates have been appointed by the Brevard and Davidson River Presbyterian churches to attend the session of the Asheville Presbytery which will meet at Hendersonville September the twenty-third and close on the twenty-sixth. J. B. Braswell has been elected to represent the Davidson River church and C. M. Siniard will go from the Brevard Presbyterian church. Rev. J. R. Hay, pastor of the two churches will also attend the Hendersonville meeting. Delegates to the Presbytery will also have the privilege of attend the classes of the Bible school which is to be held at Hendersonville for the entire week beginning September the twenty-first. The Bible school is to be conducted by Dr. Mack of the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond Va.

SINGING TO BE FEATURED

A series of services will open at the Brevard Presbyterian church next Monday morning. These meetings are to be featured by gospel preaching and gospel singing. Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D. is to do the preaching and Fred Smith will conduct the singing. There will be two sessions each day, one at ten-thirty in the morning and another at eight o'clock in the evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

POWER FOR RAILROAD OBTAINABLE

Editor Brevard News:

Since writing my first article on the electric line from here to Greenville, S. C. several gentlemen have spoken to me about motor power.

When I was in Florida I was the chief engineer of the Miami Traction Company. We used the storage battery cars which gave perfect satisfaction and carried eight to ten ton loads. These cars are also successfully used in Philadelphia and other cities. They have to be recharged daily. Power could be obtained here and in Greenville without any trouble. What we want to do is to organize a local stock company and get a charter for this road before outside capitalists come in and delay this project by the litigations which will inevitably arise from conflicting interests of rival companies. Money in this section is plentiful. The road can be built by home capital and this is the way it ought to be built.

H. G. BAILEY.

WHISKEY, PISTOLS AND KNIVES

A combination of moonshine, pistols, and knives made last Sunday afternoon a little bit different from the ordinary kind for two citizens of this county and four unknown travellers from Greenville, S. C., who left this section without revealing their identity. The South Carolina visitors were leaving this county in a Ford Sunday afternoon evidently with an ample supply of moon juice.

The trouble arose over the South Carolinians using profane language in the presence of ladies which the Tar Heels would not stand for and had an officer put a stop to it.

Later in the afternoon the Brevard boys started for a trip to Towaway and were over taken by the rowdies from the Palmetto State who were determined to get revenge. Pistols, knives and claw hammers were used in the scuffle but no one was seriously injured. The sandlappers were finally overpowered by the Tar Heels and the last seen of them they were making their way as fast as gasoline would take them toward the South Carolina line.

BIRDMAN TO ATTEND FAIR

Officials of the Transylvania Fair are planning to give people who come to the county exposition this year a new thrill. Negotiations are now on foot to secure the services of Henry Westall, the Asheville air artist, for a flight here during the fair. Owing to the fact that there is not at present a suitable landing place near Brevard for airships Mr. Westall will make a continuous flight from Asheville to Brevard and return and while in the skyward territory of Brevard will do some of the special stunts which have made his flying exhibitions one of the most popular attractions of Asheville during the past summer.

NEW SHOE SHOP OPENS

E. E. Lewis and Paul Bowen have opened a shoe-repairing shop in the building formerly occupied by the Faulkner Millinery Store. Mr. Bowen who is an experienced shoe mender will give his whole time and personal attention to the work of the new shop. Mr. Lewis will be unable to take an active part in the new enterprise as he has business interests in Muscle Shoals, Ala. which demand most of his time. He will return next week to Muscle Shoals for the winter.

VISITOR PLEASSED WITH BREVARD

Z. W. Whithead, editor of the *Southern Lumber Journal* published at Wilmington, N. C. is a guest with his wife at the Franklin Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Whithead came from Hendersonville to Brevard by motor and Mr. Whithead in talking to a representative of the *News* stated that the section of this road in Transylvania County is one of the best examples of mountain highway he has ever seen. Mr. Whithead is enthusiastic in his praise of Brevard as an ideal summer resort. He has travelled extensively in the resort regions of this country and abroad and he states that he has never discovered a combination of climatic and scenic grandeur that equals in any measure the natural advantages possessed by Brevard. The visitor stated that he expected to urge the state press association of which he is an officer to hold its next annual meeting here. The next yearly convention of this organization is scheduled for the Western part of the state and Mr. Whithead thinks Brevard is the place for the meeting. He speaks of the highest terms of accommodations afforded by the Franklin and says that next summer will find him among the earliest visitors here.

COULD NOT DO WITHOUT HOME PAPER

The *Brevard News* takes on a new significance to citizens of this county who are making their homes in distant states. They find that reading the home paper is the best method of keeping up with the home news is to read the home paper. We have this week received a letter from a former resident of this county who now lives in Texas and says that she could not get along without the *Brevard News*. The writer of the letter referred to above, Mrs. Julia Whitmire, of Midland, Texas, says that she could not stay in Texas without getting the *Brevard News*. She also says that she is glad to learn of the progress this county is making and that she hopes to visit her old home here before very long.

MARKETING HOGS

A meeting will be held at Calvert school house Friday night Sept. 19, at nine o'clock to discuss marketing hogs. Mr. W. W. Shay state swine specialist will be present at this meeting and make a talk on growing and marketing hogs. There is a surplus of hogs in the county this year but as hogs are bringing a fancy price there will be no trouble in finding a market. Anyone having feeder shoats for sale weighing around fifty to one hundred pounds and fat hogs weighing one hundred and fifty pounds or more should get in touch with Mr. Shay or myself next week.

R. E. LAWRENCE, County Agent.

DR. E. S. ENGLISH TAKES A SPECIAL COURSE

Dr. E. S. English left Monday for New York City where he goes to take a special course in the treatment of diseases of infants and children. He will be away for several weeks.

WAYNESVILLE CONVOCATION AT ST. PHILIPS

The fall meeting of the convocation of Waynesville will meet in St. Philip's Episcopal Church Tuesday and Wednesday Sept. 23rd and 24th. A program of the service will appear in next week's *News*. The public is cordially invited to attend.

THE NATION MILITANT & CHURCH MILITANT

The Nation Wide Campaign is the summoning up of the Church's power for her fully understood and fully accepted spiritual war. It is the calling into expression through the church for the sake of the Kingdom of God of the same intelligence, the same swift efficiency, the same high consecration which the spirit of man and woman in America rose to at the challenge of the Nation's war. In the months of war all of us,—men and women, boys and girls—felt a new pride in being citizens of the United States. And the reason for that was this: We were working, we were giving, we were sacrificing together for a common cause. We loved the country more, because more than ever before we were identifying our lives with the country's life. We loved because our hearts were on fire with service.

So it can be also with the Church. If we want to love the church more, first we must see in the Church's spiritual adventure something that thrills our best strength into action. It is the first business of the nation wide campaign to make us see that it bids us consider what the church is here for, what the Church is doing here what the Church ought to do, to that end each single one of us may recognize the inspiring bigness of the Church's duty and in the midst of it see the particular chance of which we say: Here is the thing for me to do.

P. E. C.

TRANSYLVANIA BOY IN ARMY

Frank D. Nicholson of Brevard has enlisted in the Quartermaster Corps of the Army. He was one of a number of young men to select this branch when they enlisted at the Main office of the Recruiting District in Greensboro.

Mr. Nicholson's idea in selecting this branch, he stated, was to study, travel and learn the ways of the world.

Previous to his enlistment he was employed by Mr. Will Warren of Pisgah Forest. He state that he, being aware of the many opportunities offered by the service at present, was taking opportunity by the hand while he had the chance.

Although his many friends will miss him in the community they may rest assured that when he returns, his exchange of one year of his life in our county for that time in Uncle Sam's "University in Khaki" will have fitted him to take up his work on a much higher scale than he was traveling when he left.

Speaking as the voice of the people of Brevard we wish our boy in khaki Good Speed and a place in the world of men.

FIRST MEETING OF WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the Wednesday Book Club for the season of 1919—20 took place this week at the home of the president, Mrs. J. S. Silversteen. The meeting last Wednesday was a short business session held for the purpose of arranging the program which is to be carried out in the meetings of the coming winter.

RED CROSS CLASS

The third class in home nursing to be held here within the past few months opened last Wednesday evening in the U. D. C. Library. The class is taught by Miss Reece of Asheville and a number of ladies of the town have registered for the lectures which are given every day.