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PRESBYTERIAN PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM:

The "Progressive Program" of the Brevard and Davidson River Presbyterian Churches is on in full blast this week. For a month or more preparation has been made by pastor and people. Mr. T. H. Shipman was elected congregational manager for the Brevard Church and Mr. J. A. Miller for Davidson River. Each appointed a strong committee of canvassers to assist him in reaching every member in both churches; a pledge for current expenses and for Benevolence is sought from each member for the year ending, April, 1921.

Last Sunday there was a most interesting program in each church.

In Brevard, Messrs. Blythe, Riley, and Sinard made splendid addresses, and at Davidson River, Messrs. Gash, Broswell, Harris, and Miller did likewise. After the service the Committees of canvassers received their charges and lists of names. The canvass began at once and will close with next Sunday. The two churches made such splendid reports for the past year that all are confident this year's much larger goal will be reached. The program of which this year's canvass is a part is called "Progressive" because it gets bigger and goes further each year. A half-million dollars is added to the goal each year; this is the third year of the program. If this year's goal is reached the Southern Presbyterian will give an average of \$10.98 per capita for Benevolences. Of course all local expenses are separate from this.

JUST OR UNJUST:

Editor Brevard News:

If you will allow me space in your paper, I would like to speak a few words in regard to the just distribution of the money collected for the purpose of maintaining our present public roads.

It is true that we cannot build good roads all over the County at present, but there is sufficient money collected from property owners and road subjects, if it were justly and properly proportioned to the different roads of Brevard Township to maintain the roads we have.

The road leading from North Brevard by way of Deer Park, Beech Nut, The Neill Place and the Morris place and known as the Old Asheville road, has had practically no work done on it for the past two years. It is true that the road has been dragged several times during this time, but what does dragging amount to where there is no drainage? The side ditches are rationally all filled up and in many places the center of the road is lower than where the ditches should be. The only drainage the road has in many places, is the wagon routes and in a number of places the water has cut diagonally across the road, washed out gullies that make it disagreeable for wagoners and practically impossible for automobiles and trucks.

It is rumored that some of the County Road Officials have made the statement that when the road leading from Brevard to the Henderson County line is completed, that the upper road (The Old Asheville Road) will only be a by-road. It is true in one sense that it is only a by-road, but if it is not worked out it will not be a by-road. It will be a has-been road. There has been a petition sent to the Board of County Road Commissioners asking them to put the convict on this road and put it in fair condition as far as Robert Patton's anyway, but so far they have not responded to the demand of the people of this settlement. If the money that is collected from property owners and road subjects for the purpose of maintaining the roads was justly proportioned out we would not have to even ask for the convicts to be put on this road. But instead it only gets a very small per cent. of what justly belongs to it and the rest of the money is spent on a somewhat more popular road, which the citizens of the surrounding county know what this is.

In conclusion I wish to say to the Board of County Commissioners, "Do Put Others As You Would Have Others Do Unto You".

If you think you are doing the tax payers of this neighborhood right by taking the money that rightfully belongs on this road and spending it on a more favorite road, that is for you to say. But if you feel as though you have

COS PAXTON REFUSES TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION:

Candidates Coming Forth For Democratic Nomination in Large Numbers.

Transylvania County politics is fast becoming the topic of the day. There are a number of candidates for the various offices announced in another column, they are:

Eugene H. Duckworth and T. J. Wilson for Register of Deeds; "Toode" Stacey for Constable; Coleman Galloway, for Representative; Eckel Simms, E. J. Whitmire and M. W. Galloway for Sheriff and Tax-collector. It is rumored, on good authority, that Ralph R. Fisher will seek the Republican nomination for representative and while Grady Kilpatrick is as silent as the "Sphinx" his many friends are urging him to seek re-election on his record of efficiency as Register of Deeds. There is a rumor that C. K. Osborne and C. F. Woodfin will seek re-election and it is hoped by a majority of the voters that they will make the race on their wonderful records of progressive achievement.

It is realized that the attitude of Sheriff Paxton, in refusing to run again, will have an appreciable bearing on the political situation in so far as the race for Sheriff was concerned. Some hesitated in coming out with him in the field. The News is authorized to state positively that Cos will not run for the office. He is satisfied that it is due him and his friends to make this announcement definite that no one may hesitate by reason of any part he might take for re-election.

While aspirants for the office of the Sheriff will be pleased, no doubt, to know of Cos Paxton's refusal to run, the announcement will doubtless be received with regret by those who have given him the best of their moral support especially by reason of his unrelenting fight against the liquor traffic in this county. The manager of the News has frequently commented on his splendid record, and believes his record to be one that will be difficult to duplicate by his successor.

Among the aspirants to succeed Cos Paxton is "Eck" Simms, Veteran of the 30th Division, and nicknamed by that justly famous Division: "Baby Simms". Simms predicted to a reporter of the News, that considering the fact that he has been Transylvania's Deputy Sheriff, is well educated, seeks the office on his merits and promises to give all the people an honest, upright and efficient sheriff, together with the fact that he is not blessed with a large amount of worldly goods and that Transylvania has the opportunity of becoming the first county in the State to elect a Veteran of the World War to office; that he is practically sure of being nominated and elected Sheriff of Transylvania County. "Eck" also predicts that he will be the youngest Sheriff Transylvania County has ever had. W. A. B.

MacFie Drug Store Decorated.

The contract has been let for the interior and exterior painting and decorating of MacFie Drug store. Walls and ceilings inside will be kalsomined, wood work cleaned and varnished and everything slicked up ready for the summer season's trade. This firm is making quite a run on Edison phonographs. A member of the firm stated to a "News" reporter that they were placing them all over the county where they are fast becoming the musical instrument of the home. He also stated that they were expecting a big shipment of "Huyler's Candies" and continuing to sell the famous Landreth flower and garden seeds.

Mrs. E. H. Norwood entertained the "Mathatsonian Club" at her residence on Probart Avenue on Thursday afternoon. The program was in charge of Mrs. F. C. Seagle; Mrs. Orr of the Institute read the poems by Riley and Bryant selected for the occasion. Music was rendered by members of the club and refreshments were served during the social hour which followed.

done and are still doing them an unjust deed, open up your hearts and do the right thing by spending at least a few dollars on the road that is in most need of it.

A CITIZEN.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Editor Brevard News:

Will you please allow space in the columns of your paper for a few casual remarks from one who, personally, is much interested in the contest among the several present and "yet-to-be" aspirants for the political offices of the county? We hope the suggestions which we here attempt to offer may be taken by the citizens and voters of the county, both "male and female," democratic and republican, for whatever they are worth, be it much or little.

First of all we should remember that Transylvania County is no longer a "babe in swaddling clothes." The forward strides she has been making in material growth and development—the rapid increase in her population during the past few years; the growth of her educational facilities all tell us conclusively that Transylvania has taken her place among the more progressive and up-to-date counties of the state, and is, therefore, demanding more and more the services of the very best qualified men available to administer her political affairs.

There is not a single office, the scope of which is county-wide, but that requires for its intelligent administration the services of thoroughly competent men. How plain it is then that the greatest care should be exercised in the selection of those are to fulfill these important (though not very lucrative) positions.

Time was when to fill these official positions very little education was required, and no knowledge at all of the present-day methods of accounting and the modern systems of filing for convenient reference of the many important official documents. But that day like so many of the good days of old, is past. Each year brings new and seemingly more complicated methods; methods which are more and more unlike the old ones, and which are less generally understood by the public, but by the intelligent application of which the county records and files are very much more conveniently kept. The new "Cross Index to Deeds" recently installed in the office of the Register of Deeds is just one example. Then there is the modern recording machine, the proper manipulation of which means so much saving of space in the various records which are to be made. Then that most complex of all machines—the adding machine, saying nothing of type-writers and other modern office equipment, all of which must be thoroughly understood to be intelligently used.

From what has been said above we can see how vastly more important it is to the welfare of the county to fill these positions with men of unquestioned ability and aptitude for this particular sort of work than it would be to fill them with men who possess neither the ability, experience nor aptitude.

What I have here tried to say has not been to prejudice in any manner the claims of any candidate—present or prospective—but rather to persuade the public, if possible, regardless of party or "partyism", to adopt "safe and sane" political methods; to apply to the political business of the county the same common sense and judgement which you see applied every day by the successful enterprising individual in the management of her personal affairs.

We believe that the people of this county would be interested in hearing or reading what a few of our leading citizens from both political parties have to say along this line, and we, for one, invite the discussion trusting and believing the News will extend the courtesy of allowing space in its columns for that purpose.

Respectively,

"VOTER".

COOPER'S HILL POULTRY FARM

Mr. W. Y. Thompson of the "Rose Cafe" has been experimenting a little in poultry raising. From a few settings of thorough-bred eggs which he purchased last year he now has 175 Buff Orpingtons, Black Orpingtons, Rhode Island Reds, Bluff and White Leghorns and Plymouth rocks. He has two 350 egg incubators and got 275 chickens from the first hatch and is expecting another hatch in a few days. The hens are kept in lots and housed in a fifty foot hen house.

Mr. Thompson will dispose of all other breeds in August and keep the buff and white leghorns.

A WATER RESOURCE SURVEY OF THE STATE

At a recent meeting of the Geological Board it was decided that the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey should begin at once a water resource survey of the State looking toward the development and utilization of our unused waterpowers and assisting municipalities or thickly settled rural communities in the acquirement of adequate water supplies and watersheds. The utilization of all available waterpower is especially desirable at the present time because of our rapidly growing manufacturing industries and industrial development, instances having arisen recently in this State of the abandonment of industries in certain communities because of their inability to secure power. Also the fuel situation is growing more and more acute, North Carolina having practically no coal supply and a rapidly diminishing supply of wood. The utilization of these waterpowers will do much toward conserving our fuel supplies and diminishing our coal bills.

Because of the rapid growth and expansion of many of the towns and cities of North Carolina, the local water supplies are proving inadequate, and resort must be had to acquiring or extending watersheds; or to obtaining new sources of supply.

To carry out this survey effectively will require the assembling of a great deal of data thru the scientific study of the areas by competent engineers. Because of the small amount of funds at the disposal of the survey for this work, the amount which can be undertaken during one field season is limited, and some financial co-operation will be expected from municipalities or individuals desiring such a survey in their vicinities.

Requests for assistance or surveys should be sent to the Director, N. C. Geological and Economic Survey, Chapel Hill, N. C. and they will be considered in the order and importance of the application.

BREVARD HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the Brevard High School will be held in the school auditorium April 28—30.

On Wednesday evening at 8:15 there will be the formal dedication of the new high school building with the dedicatory address by Hon. J. J. Britt of Asheville.

A two part program will be given Thursday evening. Part I.—Recitation and declamational contest; Part II.—An operetta.

The annual high school play will be given Friday night. The title is, "The Dust of The Earth."

THE HONORABLE COLEMAN WITHDRAWS FROM THE RACE.

Editor Brevard News:

I notice that someone has announced me a candidate for the legislature. I am grateful to my friends and hope that some time, in the future, I shall have the honor of representing this county in the legislature, but it is impossible for me to make the race at this time.

COLEMAN GALLOWAY.

SUPERIOR COURT

Superior Court convened here on April 12th with His Honor Judge B. F. Long presiding and the clever work of the court machinery disposed, quickly, the small criminal docket; a docket that Judge Long deemed the smallest he had seen for quite a long time.

The absence of Prohibition Agent J. A. Galloway, which was caused by the convening of Federal Court in Charlotte, prevented the trying of several whiskey cases.

The Grandjury, of which J. M. Zachary was foreman, was highly complimented for their work. Several true bills were returned, among which was an indictment for murder. This charge is brought against H. Hedrick for the alleged killing of one McTinsel, a showman, at Hedrick's store near Pisgah Forest, some four years ago.

On Saturday several divorces were granted by the court, which adds to the already high record of Transylvania County regarding divorces.

An action against E. H. Jennings for damages to a bridge, belonging to Oconee and Pickens counties, S. C., which, it is alleged, was caused by the unannounced departure of Lake Toxaway, during August of 1916. Twenty-five witnesses had already been examined for the plaintiff when the sudden sickness of a juror called a halt to the proceedings. In an action of this nature against the same defendant in Federal Court recently the failure of a juror to attend the trial did not effect the other machinery concerning the case, but in this case, for some reason the defendant did not consent to a trial by eleven jurors. Upon the breaking down of this case the court adjourned, this curtailing the term of Superior Court here to one week instead of the two weeks expected.

THE PRAYER CORNER:

We share in what is Infinite, tis ours For we and it, alike, are Thine; What I enjoy, Great God, by right of Thee, Is more than doubly mine.

Thus does Thy hospitable greatness lie Outside us like a boundless sea; We cannot lose ourselves where all is home, Nor drift away from Thee.

A Prayer

O Infinite source of life and health and joy! the very thought of Thee is so wonderful that in this thought we would rest and be still.

Thou art Beauty and Grace and Truth and Power, Thou are the light of every heart that sees Thee, the life of every soul that loves Thee, the strength of every mind that seeks Thee.

From our narrow and bounded world, we would pass into Thy greater world. From our petty and miserable selves we would escape to Thee, to find in Thee the power and the freedom of a larger life.

It is our joy that we can never go beyond Thy reach; that even were we to take the wings of the morning and fly into the uttermost parts of the earth or were we to make our bed in hell, there should we find the signs of Thy presence and Thy power. Wherever we may go Thou art with us, for Thou are in us as well as without us.

We recognize Thee in all the deeper experiences of the soul, when the conscience utters its warning voice, when the heart is tender and we forgive those who have wronged us in word or deed, when we feel ourselves upborn above time and place, and know ourselves citizens of Thy everlasting Kingdom, we realize, O Lord, that these things, while they are in the work of Thy Spirit brooding upon us, are not of us. They are Thine, on our souls. Amen. C. D. C.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

At a recent meeting of the local Boy Scouts an employment agency was formed with Scout Philip Price as manager. The purpose of this agency is to find odd jobs for the scouts by which they may earn the money for their scout dues.

Any one who has any kind of an odd job will kindly communicate with Philip Price and he will arrange for some scout to do the work.