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BREVARD'S NEW JAIL AND ADDITION TO COURT HOUSE

Work has commenced upon the foundations of the new jail and the two storied addition to the Court House.

The jail will be a two storied brick structure with heating plant, laundry and kitchen in the basement.

On the first floor are located: jailor's office, three bed rooms, bath and cells for sixteen prisoners with lavatories and bath for each two cages.

On the second floor are sick room, trusty room, and cage for 48 prisoners with lavatories and baths.

The building is to be of brick thruout, resting on a concrete foundation. The floors and ceiling of the cells to be of reinforced concrete 7 inches thick.

The building measures 52 ft. 8 in by 61 feet; the ward rooms 24x24 ft. The addition to the Court House will extend 51 ft 8 in by 54 ft on the ground to the rear of present building. In the basement are furnace room and three other rooms, two 18x30 and one 12x14.

On the first floor will be located the Ladies' Rest Room, larger quarters for the Clerk of the Court and Register of Deeds; Lavatories for white and colored, one extra room and a ten foot hall.

The second floor plan shows: Solicitor's room and Judge's room, Jury room and Grand Jury Room, each 20x20; two other rooms 13x18 and a ten foot hall.

The elevations show the walls covered with stucco and marked out to represent coursed ashlar work.

The estimated cost of both buildings is \$80,000.

Architect T. E. Davis of Asheville made the plans and the county is to pay him \$1500.00 for plans and superintendence.

A LETTER ON THE ROAD

Wm. A. Band

Editor Brevard News:

I was glad to see a public complaint about the drainage of the Old Asheville Road and I would like to emphasize what was said about water following the wagon routes. Only a few weeks ago it fell my lot to go into Henderson county over this road. A very heavy rain had fallen some hours before so there was considerable water on the road bed. If we were on an incline the water made its way very nicely right down the main routes but if the road was more level it would sometimes require the whole of the road and our wheel, more than once, dropped almost to the hub without warning. In a few places I wondered how the mail carrier could make it in a car at all. We saw where individuals along the way had made some efforts to turn the water to the side. In one place a man with rubber boots was spading out a ditch, for ever so far, with a shovel. Practically all this road, both in this and as far as I went into Henderson County, is seriously in need of ditching. There is another road near whose overseer, I understand has not collected road taxes in full for two years and all the while the road needed work.

Within the last few days I happened to go over another road which leads into town and found it in better condition than usual. I learned later that a resident in that section had superintended the work. These things have suggested to my mind, that the fault was probably in the law or system of work. That if the road taxes were collected by the tax collector or some individual or individuals, as the case may require, and proportioned to the different roads as the school funds are to the various schools that an overseer for each road could be selected from the residents who have to travel that particular road. If care is taken in the selection of the man (as a man most suited to his job always succeeds better) it seems to me that he would know best what kind of work was needed most on his road and when it was needed, also the amount that could be spent on it.

I would like for the road officials to try a trip over the Old Asheville Road after we have had a rain and the roads that are properly drained are in traveling condition and see if they do not agree with me as to its condition.

It is thought by some that if this road was well worked, out from where it connects with the new road, that is to come thru the Pink Beds,

BAPTISM OF UNCLE JOE DUCKWORTH

J. E. Duckworth, probably the oldest man of this county, was baptized Sunday at 3 o'clock near the Selica depot in the waters of Cathey's Creek by Rev. W. N. Bradshaw of Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Duckworth is more than 92 years old and is perhaps the oldest man ever baptized in this county. He is the father of 20 children and more than one hundred grand-children and scores of great-grand-children. "Uncle Joe" as he is familiarly called by scores of people, is the son of struggling mountaineers. His experiences fall among those who found contentment and simple pleasure with hard work and privations unknown today. He retains all his faculties including a brilliant recollection of many things that are yonder in the distant past. He was a resident of the famous Sylvan Valley of the French Broad, many years ago, and has stood as if he was a sentinel of the past guarding many of the later generations from the weakness prone to the respective ages. Being unwilling to go out into the eternal world without having left a fair example to the younger element regarding religion and citizenship, he asked that he be baptized in conformity with the examples of Christ. He is the father of Rev. C. C. Duckworth, J. W. Duckworth and W. H. Duckworth of this place.

ROSMAN NOTES

The following schedule will be followed in the closing exercises of the Rosman School next week.

Wednesday, May 12—Final Examinations close.

Thursday, May 13—The teachers will use the school rooms for marking papers and making school records.

Friday, May 14—School Exhibit on display in each department from 8 to 12 A. M. The parents and all friends are urged to visit the various departments at this time and encourage the pupils in their work. The pupil's Report Cards and promotions may be issued in the afternoon.

Promotions of pupils will be based on the completion of the present year's work. No promotion card will be issued to those who do not report for final examination and who have not satisfactorily completed the year's work.

The parents should see that every child is in school next week so that he may receive his classification for next year. Failure to pass because of inattendance will be regrettable.

Rosman has a large, efficient garage in which repair work of all descriptions is done.

Mrs. Flem Glazener has been quite ill for two weeks but is now improving nicely.

Prof. J. E. Ockerman was in Brevard Tuesday A. M.

The School Entertainment on Friday night, 23 inst. was given to a packed house and netted the school \$35.00. The "School Benefit Fund" has been augmented to \$125.00 during the year from school functions.

It is gratifying to state that Mrs. A. P. Bell is recovering quite rapidly from her severe attack of pneumonia from which she has been suffering for several weeks. Mr. Bell who was called to the bed-side of his wife has returned to his school in eastern North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ockerman spent last Sunday in Hendersonville.

A large standpipe over 100 feet high is being erected at the Toxaway Tanning Co's. plant which will be used as a fire protection.

EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND THE GRAVE YARD CLEANING AT OAK GROVE, ON MONDAY, MAY 10th, BRING YOUR SHOVELS, RAKES, Etc., AND A LUNCH.

A number of people would come thru Brevard that probably will not if they have to travel the same road further.

It has also been stated, by persons whose business often calls them to Asheville by car, that if this road was well open it would be much preferred by those who want and make a quick trip. Our object however is not to oppose other good roads for we need and appreciate them but to call attention to the neglect of what we now have.

A Resident of the Road.

A WORD ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The other day, one of Brevard's foremost business men, in conversation with a Daughter of the Confederacy, remarked that he had never been inside the Library, in fact, he "knew nothing about it."

So, fearing that the statement of this gentleman may voice the knowledge of many others, the U. D. C. Library Committee wishes to invite the attention of the general public and especially of the business men of our town, to the existence of a Library, to its "inside" as well as outside, to what it is and what it hopes to be, to a little of what it has done, as well as to much it has left undone. And most emphatically we wish you to note why that much is left undone.

The U. D. C. Library is a memorial and attractively situated as it is in one corner of the public square. Who will deny that it is a monument more inspiring and more enduring than any block of granite which might have been erected in its place? A tall shaft is truly an inspiration to us to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers, who counted no sacrifice too great when the call of duty was heard, yet how much more inspiring are the books which keep alive in our hearts the story of that heroism and of all noble deeds.

The aim of the Memorial Library is to furnish a high grade of reading matter to the community; this it has been doing—known or unknown—for some eight years. Not long ago one of the constant readers was hesitating as to whether she would renew her year's membership—other expenses had to be considered. "But" she said, "I don't know how we could have got as much pleasure out of a dollar in any other way." In the end, she renewed.

From small beginnings the Library has grown, by purchasing and donations, to about 1500 volumes. These comprise Biography, history, science, books of reference, essays, fiction. One antique set of British Essayists, leather bound, would joy the heart of a book lover.

The Frances Eugene Chapman Memorial, given by the Wednesday Book Club, is a choice collection, consisting of The Everyman Encyclopaedia, 12 vols.; Young Folks Cyclopaedia, several handy volumes of popular science, works on art, music, etc., besides other books of interest.

And now that we have given you a glance at what the Library contains, let us call your attention to what it lacks, to what is left undone. On the short shelf devoted to the Poets are a few thin, lonely-looking volumes. How can a memorial library be complete without the sweet singers of the South, such as Lanier and Timrod? How can any Library afford to be without the uplifting influence of the world's great poets?

And altho we find much valuable and entertaining fiction on the shelves, there is room for more of the old standards and there is an urgent call for the very best up-to-date works. Any library, if it would hold the interest of the public must be constantly growing.

But this growth cannot be accomplished without funds. The treasury of the Transylvania Chapter cannot at present supply the needed funds; for, besides meeting the current expenses, keeping up repairs and insurance, there is still a debt on the Chapter House.

Now the U. D. C. Library is not just a U. D. C. affair. Its purpose, as we have stated, is to serve the community. A public library is a necessity, no one can question that. It is of inestimable value to the schools; the pupils need constantly to consult books of reference, as do the teachers; a systematic course of collateral reading for the vacation months would be a great advantage to the boys and girls, especially of the high school. Then, for the community in general, the young men and women, the busy mother, the man of affairs, the unemployed,—if there be any so unfortunate—a well stocked library furnishes, as the ancients would say, "Pabulum mentis" mind food. And to quote a higher authority; "As a man thinketh, so he is."

"Idealism," highbrowism", some may be saying: "Get to business." Let us remind any such that as America was built on ideals, then ideals must be the most substantial, business-like stuff that man has ever yet handled.

THE RAILROAD BOOKLET IS FINISHED

All subscribers of the Brevard News, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, hotels, etc., wherever there is a possibility of co-operation in this railroad venture, will receive a copy of this beautiful little booklet.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the designing, printing, etc., as the booklet speaks for itself. However it is an expensive little article and deserves to be put away for future reference. This book was made possible by the public-spirited citizens and business men of Transylvania and the News urges everyone to give them their patronage and good will not only in thought, but by buying at home and giving the cold cash to our own merchants wherever possible.

MR. T. H. GALLOWAY SUSTAINS PAINFUL INJURY TO ANKLE

His Honor, the Mayor, fell on Tuesday and sustained painful injury to his ankle necessitating the use of crutches.

WORK ON PISGAH ROAD STARTED

Mr. W. Brewster, representing H. C. Wells and Co., of Asheville contractors for the Federal Government road from Pisgah Forest to the Pink Beds, is here with a force of surveyors getting the road staked out and grades determined. As soon as this is done active operations on the road bed will commence.

Yet, if you would see the "strickly business" side, O practical men, who have never before today seen the color of the inside of the U. D. C. Library, consider that the population of our little town is about doubled during the summer months of July and August each year.

These guests are eager for entertainment. The Library, with its porches, rocking chairs, and shade trees, afford them a pleasant gathering and chatting place, and the only one; while its shelves supply books to while away the long summer days. But the summer guest even more than the winter resident thirsts for "something new."

Do you not think that in naming the many attractions of this delightful summer resort, an "up-to-date Library" would catch the eye of a great many prospective tourist? And do you not think that our intelligent summer guests, having enjoyed the privileges, would spread the news. "Good roads, good water, matchless air, lovely scenery, and such a delightful library! That's Brevard!"

So should we be advertised by our loving friends.

Just to make good our word about the summer popularity of the library we will quote a few statistics. The circulation books shows the following for 1919:

During July, August and September there were 966 books loaned. During the remaining nine months, 503. The average attendance for the three months named was 209; for the remaining months, 43.

This increase of patronage means a corresponding increase of labor and expense; however, the receipts are not in proportion, as summer visitors buy short time membership tickets.

Now, we hope you all, men, women and children, are ready for a business proposition. The library is not asking primarily for contributions, altho donations either of good readable or of money will be gladly received, but you are wanted, as members of the library. \$1. gives you a year's membership ticket, which entitles the owner to four books each week, 208 books a year!

Of course you are not limited to one ticket. Buy as many as you want and remember that every membership paid for means helping "Our Library" to be an independent institution, to be better equipped to serve the public need. Our town has some other things to be proud of, let the Library be added to the list.

The committee has, in view of all this, organized forces for making a "drive", early in May.

So, look out!
Mrs. Witmer, Chairman.
Mrs. W. W. Zachary.
Mrs. A. J. Miller.
Miss Cassidy
U. D. C. Library Committee.

GOOD ROADS

Wm. A. Band:
Dear Sir:
In the judgment of the progressive citizens of North Carolina, the hour has struck when the State should be pulled out of the mud.

The Religious, Moral, Educational, Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Development of our Commonwealth imperatively demands that there be constructed at once, a State System of Hard-Surfaced Highways.

Following this impulse, the Executive Committee of the Wilmington Charlotte-Asheville High-Way Association, in co-operation with the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, Road Associations of the State, Merchants' Associations, Governing Bodies of Cities and Counties Automotive Associations, Agricultural Associations and other organized units and progressive citizens are going to meet in Raleigh when the General Assembly convenes in extra session, which will be about July 1st, and ask members of our General Assembly to issue Fifty Million Dollars of bonds for the construction of a State system of Hard-Surfaced High-Ways.

We know that you are as deeply interested in this all important and vital question as we are. We further realize that the press is the most potent factor in moulding public sentiment and doing good for the Commonwealth; Therefore, we respectfully appeal to you, if you think we are right, to give us your unstinted support, advice and co-operation.

In the event the General Assembly assents to our proposition, there are two big questions to be settled.

1st. On what basis the funds so appropriated can be distributed equitably to the several counties of the State?

2nd. The best mode and method of laying out and establishing these High-Ways, in order to substantially and practically serve the greatest number of people and produce the biggest result?

As to the basis of the distribution of the funds, it has been suggested that both the "State Road Aid Fund and the Federal Aid Fund" be apportioned among the several counties in the following manner:

One-third in ratio to which the population of the county bears to the total population of the State, as shown by the latest available Federal Census; one-third in the ratio which the area of each county bears to the total area of the State; one-third in the ratio which the mileage of thru roads from county seat to county seat of each county bears to the total mileage of thru roads from county seat to county seat in the State.

As to the routes of the High-Way, it has been further suggested, perhaps, they ought to be constructed from county seat to county seat in the most practical and by the most direct routes, so as to connect up the principal villages, towns and cities of the State. Others contend that the State should be served by a great trunk lines running North and South, East and West, so laid out as to accommodate the major portion of the State's population directly, and the minor portion indirectly.

We have not definitely committed ourselves either to the suggestion with reference to the basis of distribution of the funds, or to the manner of laying out and establishing the needed State High-Ways, but all these suggestions seem to contain elements of fairness, sanity and practicability.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours cordially,
T. L. SLUPPATRICK, Pres.

HANKINS—ROSS

B. F. Hankins and Miss Ola Ross were united in marriage at the brides home near Selica at 11 a. m. April 18th, 1920. The bride is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Ross and was one of Transylvania's most devoted Christian young ladies. Mr. Hankins is a native of Wyoming. After a nice dinner was enjoyed by friends and loved ones the bride and groom departed on the afternoon train for Wyoming, where they plan to make their future home. May the blessing of the Lord abide with them.
C. C. DUCKWORTH, Officiating Minister.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAVEL

Notice has been received at the Asheville navy recruiting station that a practice cruise will be made this summer by the midshipmen's practice squadron made up of the following first class battleships: U. S. S. Minnesota, Connecticut, Michigan, Kansas, South Carolina and the New Hampshire. The squadron will leave Annapolis about June 5th and the cruise will end at Annapolis about August 28th. During the cruise the following places will be visited: Cuba Panama Canal Zone, Hawaiian Islands San Deigo, Calif, San Pedro, Calif, San Francisco, Calif and Puget Sound state of Washington. An opportunity is to be given naval reservists of this section to volunteer for four month's active duty for the purpose of making this trip and they to be released upon completion of the cruise. Reservists may also transfer to the regular navy to complete the unexpired portion of their enrollment for the purpose of making this cruise, reserves so transferred receive thirty day leave, four months gratuity pay and extra pay for citizenship and continuous service. For reservists who do not transfer to the regular navy this trip will give them an opportunity of completing the active duty required for confirmation of rating. Men who have been discharged from the navy may re-enlist for two years and be sent to Philadelphia for assignment to one of the vessels of this squadron. This is a splendid opportunity for making a sightseeing trip that would cost a man thousands of dollars if made at his own expense, in addition to be well paid while making it and no expenses except what a man makes for his own pleasure. It is an especially good opportunity for the young man who is attending school and can make this trip during his vacation and save money for the next term. It gives the reservist an opportunity becoming acquainted with the peace time navy. The navy recruiting officer at Asheville will be glad to furnish further information to those eligible for the trip. Previous service necessary for this trip.

POLITICAL NEWS

During the past week several changes have been made among the aspirants for political gifts from the people. Coleman Galloway has withdrawn as a candidate for the Legislature. Lieut. Eugene Allison has been put forward by his friends for the nomination and it is rumored, G. W. Lyday, present representative on the democratic ticket, will again seek the nomination. The friends of Thos. C. McCall would like to see him nominated for one of the County Commissioners of Transylvania County. He is not seeking the office but would accept the place. There is also a rumor that W. B. Henderson of Quebec is being boosted by his friends for this office.

The News published last week that Lewis P. Hamlin, prominent young attorney of Brevard, had been nominated for solicitor of this district on the Republican ticket at their convention of the 13th Judicial District. Mr. Hamlin's friends state that Lewis declined the nomination at this time. We have also received the announcement of Ed Eaton for Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

ALEC CANTRELL KILLS SHEPPARD POWELL AT BIG CANE-BRAKE.

Alec Cantrell was arrested by Deputy Simms on Sunday afternoon for the killing of Sheppard Powell by cutting him through the lungs with a knife. Deputy Sheriff Eck Simms brought the prisoner to town on Sunday afternoon and lodged him in the County jail. Cantrell was pretty badly beaten up several years ago out West and wears a silver plate where his skull was fractured. It is thought that this may have caused temporary insanity.

NOTICE

If you have bought or sold any land since May 1st, 1919, please call at the office and have the proper changes made in your Tax List—it will save you trouble when you pay your taxes.
J. L. BELL, Co. Supervisor.