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PROGRAMS EXCEEDINGLY INTERESTING AND VERY WELL ATTENDED.

The Institute has just passed thru one of the most successful commencement occasions in its history. The first entertainment was a music recital Friday evening, May 19, in which all but the beginners in the music department participated. Among the Brevard girls whose names occurred on the program we notice Misses Ella and Annie Zachary, Garnet Lyday, Beulah May Zachary, Lillian King, Eliza Henry, Dorothy Silversteen, Mary Lewis, Margaret Blythe, Marion Yongue, and Marie Lyday. One very unusual part of the program was two selections played on five pianos together, with ten players. The skill with which so large a number of performers, some of them with their backs to some others, could execute their notes in perfect synchronism, was marvelous.

The final chapel exercises for the year occurred Saturday morning. The features of this program were a solo by Miss Edna Orr and an address by Superintendent Trowbridge.

Saturday evening the Class of 1922 originated the custom of giving Class Day exercises. Loyd Shuford of Lenoir, delivered the address of the president, R. H. Zachary, Jr., of Brevard, was valedictorian; Miss Lillian King, of Brevard, sang with expression and sweetness of tone; Kenneth Harris of Brevard, was Class Poet; Pauline Gibbs was Class Historian; Virginia Elliott, Statistician; Janie Estes, Grumbler; Virginia Bowen, Prophet; and Kay Jones read the class will.

Sunday morning a magnificent commencement sermon was preached to the graduates by Rev. R. H. Daugherty of Winston-Salem. His text was "Bless are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." His message was especially suited to young people entering the arena of life, but was inspiring also to all who heard it.

Monday morning the essays and orations of the graduating class were delivered in the San Angelo Chapel of the Institute. They covered a wide range of subjects, but all of the sort which high school pupils could handle. None were on philosophical topics, but all had to do with current problems on which young people are thinking and must think if they are to be good citizens.

The Annual Commencement Concert occurred Monday afternoon. It was given by the teachers and advanced pupils of the Music Department, assisted by Mrs. R. A. Barnhardt, a talented young violinist of Columbia, S. C. The soloists were Dorothy Silversteen and Ella Zachary, the latter completing the piano course. Miss Barnhardt and Miss Pike. Miss Pike sang two beautiful vocal numbers. There were also choruses and ensemble selections, five pianos and twenty hands being used in the last one.

On Monday evening a program prepared by the Adelpian, Columbian, and Lanier literary societies was very pleasingly rendered. One extremely pleasing feature of this program was the musical assistance of musicians not otherwise connected with the Institute. Mrs. R. A. Barnhardt delighted the audience with a violin solo by Lehrer. She also participated in an orchestra consisting of Miss Pike, Director of Music in the Institute, Misses Melton and Crary, of Brevard, and Kenneth Harris and Ralph Webb, of the student body. The Columbian Society gave a very attractive dumb-bell drill; Miss Edna Orr of the Lanier Society, recited effectively, "The Cabin is Empty Again," and the Adelpian chorus sang Boszovits' "Bella Napoli".

The three societies participated in a debate on the Soldiers' Adjusted Compensation Bill. The negative received the decision of the judges; Miss Virginia Bowen of the affirmative was adjudged the best individual debater. The winning team consisted of Miss Euna Dean Allison and DeWitt Thompson.

The address to the graduates was delivered Tuesday evening by Dean A. Mason DuPre, of Wofford College, South Carolina. It was an inspiring call to get real education that would be practical and valuable in life as it is, and has been spoken of in the highest terms by those present.

Diplomas and certificates were granted as follows:

College Entrance Diplomas: Plato Allison, Bernice Guffy, Janie Estes, Kenneth Harris and Dick Zachary.

Academic Diplomas: Letha Bame, Pauline Gibbs, Loyd Shuford, Marion Yongue, Virginia Bowen, Mary McKinney, Rachel Smart and Joe Young.

Normal Diplomas: Sadie Anderson, Essie Edwards, Marv Edwards, Virginia Elliott and Lillian King.

Household Economics Diploma: Letha Bame.

Commercial Diploma: Oliver Kay Jones.

Piano Diploma: Ella Zachary.

Short-hand and Typewriting Certificates: Emma Brakefield, Alice Graham, Mildred Jones, Virginia Davis, Jean Harris, Marie Way and Euna Doub.

Bookkeeping Certificate: Edmund Frazier.

After the award of diplomas and

JUDGE GENTRY AS A FARMER

Farm Agent Lindley Visits Farm At Landrum, S. C., and Tells What He Sees

Editor Brevard News: With your permission, I wish to give a brief account of my trip taken last week. I am only sorry that representative farmers from Transylvania were not with us.

Through the kind invitation of Judge J. J. Gentry, I spent Tuesday night and a few hours Wednesday morning on "Bird Mountain Farm," of which Judge Gentry is the proud owner. And I must say that I was thrilled with the real farming that is being done on this farm. Talk about grasses and clovers he has them growing profusely, almost anything you want to see along that line.

One of the many things that appealed to me is the pasture grasses he has growing. It is almost unbelievable to see the ease with which he secured a stand of grass mixture on pasture land. The seed was just sown, without even dragging them in and the pasture has been used almost constantly, and in spite of all the lespedeza, whits dutch clovers, herds, orchards, blue and other grasses are doing well. Mr. Gentry is demonstrating the fact that pastures may be improved materially by the price of seed and the small trouble of sowing them.

Another topic of interest is his method of growing hogs by the use of pastures. He has some fine specimens of Hampshire hogs as I ever saw and he is growing them largely by the uses of clovers and grasses. He has several lots in which he rotates crops, using bar clover, rape, crimson clover as well as grasses and soy beans. He has a good green lot for them twelve months in the year and this saves at least one-half the feeds which would otherwise be necessary to use in addition to keeping his hogs in better growing condition and healthier. Every farmer in Transylvania county should provide pasture for his hogs since there is no crop that will yield a greater profit than a small area used for this purpose.

The thing that appealed to me most however, was about ten acres which he has seeded to alfalfa, some of which is three years old and is growing successfully. Mr. Gentry's barns are already most filled with new hay, the alfalfa was half knee high again and will be ready for the second cutting soon. What Mr. Gentry has to worry about is, "What will I do with so much hay?" Is there not some Transylvania farmer that would like to have this problem to deal with? This fine hay is growing on what was formerly just ordinary clay soil and there is no reason why we should not grow the same "weed" and save the money that is constantly being paid out for hay that is shipped in.

Every farmer cannot do these things on as expensive scale as Judge Gentry is doing them, but there is no reason why we should not start plans on a small scale to improve our pastures and increase our yield of hay. Buying hay is expensive and the money spent in this way may be retained in the county for other purposes by a little persistent effort on the part of those having lands that are idle and drawing nothing except taxes.

Judge Gentry also has a fine orchard coming on and a well kept vineyard that will soon be additional sources of revenue. Let's plan to grow a little more hay this year than we will need. Soy beans will help. When we have done this the "hard times" problem will be solved.

LINDLEY, Farm Agent

Rev. DOUGHERTY AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Dougherty of Central Methodist Church Winston-Salem, N. C. preached two excellent sermons at the Methodist Church on Sunday, May 21st. The faculty, graduating class and students from Brevard Institute attended in a body.

The text for the morning sermon was, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8; the evening sermon was from the first of temptations of Jesus Christ in the wilderness. "If thou be the Son of God, command these stones that they be made bread." Luke 4:3. Both sermons were greatly enjoyed by large congregations at both services, and exhibited much earnest thought and preparation. Brevard Institute extends its hearty thanks to Mr. Dougherty and hopes to have the pleasure of hearing him again.

certificates, honors for the year 1921-22 were announced, as follows:

Highest scholarship, John McNeill; second highest, R. H. Zachary, Jr.; third highest, Euna Allison.

Stenography, Grace Brakefield, Ruth Davis and Marion Yongue.

Bookkeeping, Theodore Clement. Dressmaking, Virginia Elliott.

Piano, Ella Zachary.

Voice, Lillian King, Edna Orr.

Art, Bessie English, John McNeill. Expression, Laura McNider.

Dutywork, Elizabeth Bell, Bertha Gantt, Mertis Ballard.

Debate, Virginia Bowen.

Sixth Grade Scholarship, Flora Smith.

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

MANY WOMEN ELECTED TO THE COMMITTEES—A MILLION BALLOTS PRINTED.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22. At a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee held here in the hall of the House of Representatives on last Thursday evening sixty democratic women became members of the General Committee and ten were added to the Advisory Committee. The male members present from each of the ten districts nominated six ladies (sixty in all) and these were elected by the vote of the "whole committee." The Chairman afterwards selected twenty additional members of the Advisory Committee, ten men and an equal number of women. Members of the Committee added for the Tenth District are: Mrs. Locke Craig, Buncombe; Mrs. G. B. Walker, Cherokee; Mrs. Marie Mitchell, Haywood; Mrs. M. A. Brown, Henderson; Miss Sallie Strudwick, Polk, and Mrs. W. W. Neal, McDowell. Members of the Advisory Committee from the Tenth District, selected by the Chairman, C. E. Brooks, of Henderson, and Miss May Jones, of Buncombe. This action was taken by the Committee in compliance with the provisions of a resolution adopted by the State convention which declared that the women should be fully represented on the State Committee.

The only other business transacted by the Committee was the re-election of Chairman David J. Norwood, who was filling out the unexpired term of former chairman Thos. D. Warren, and continuing Maj. Wm. T. Joyner as secretary. There was no opposition to the election of either of these gentlemen and the Committee made quick work of it. Practically every woman added to the Committee is either the wife or daughter of a prominent democrat, so that the real personnel of the organization remains about as it was before. A bare majority of the male members attend the meetings of the Committee as a rule and it remains for those securing the greater number of proxies to control the actions of that body on ordinary occasions.

The free employment offices now in operation in the State have proven their value by the service rendered during the recent period of unemployment and depression. These offices are located in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington and Winston-Salem. Since the first of January of this year, 10,718 persons have applied for positions at the six offices in operation; 9,387 have been referred to opportunities; and 1,332 found situations which have enabled them to "keep the wolf from the door." The crisis apparently has passed as the number of idle native workers, who manifest a genuine desire to work, is comparatively small.

And North Carolina employers appear to be reasonably fair in wage allowances. The average reduction in wages for the leading trades and professions, from April 1, 1921, to April 30, 1922, based upon information obtained through employment superintendents in the cities where offices are maintained, is only sixteen per cent. Skilled workers affiliated with labor organizations have generally been able to maintain living wage scales, while the less fortunate have been obliged, from sheer necessity, to submit to sweeping reductions. The percentage of wage reduction is more noticeable in the textile industry, in agricultural pursuits and in the ranks of common labor generally. Farmers are now offering twenty-five to thirty-five dollars per month and board, while development companies allow two dollars per day for unskilled labor. An upward tendency is evident in some of the trades and wage-earners are daily becoming more hopeful.

A million ballots have been printed for use in the State-wide primary on Saturday, June 3rd, and are being sent out to county officials by the State Board of Elections. Should one-fourth of that number of ballots be cast, somebody will be badly beaten. Interest centers in the Third District, where seven aspirants are measuring arms in a spirited contest for the congressional nomination. One hears little discussion of other contests.

MEETING OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

A very interesting meeting of the Cedar Mountain Home Demonstration Club was held May 10th at the home of Mrs. George Bishop. Miss Clark showed how to make hand-made flowers for hat trimming, and also illustrated the making of a servicable hand bag.

The hostess served grape juice. There were thirteen members present and much interest was shown in the meeting.

Mr. R. A. FOPD, President.

Mrs. J. A. BURNS, Secretary.

A YEARLY PAYROLL FOR BREVARD.

All citizens interested in another manufacturing industry for Transylvania and in the industrial development of our wonderful natural resources are earnestly requested to attend a meeting in the Brevard Club rooms Monday night.

MUCH NEWS FROM PENROSE

CITIZENS INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY GARDENS—WOMEN TO VOTE FOR "DOERS"

Mrs. W. B. Rustin and daughter of Columbia, S. C. who were visiting W. L. Talley, Mrs. Rustin's father, returned Thursday.

Mrs. Gussie Kelley, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Boyd is now making her home in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Dan Bartleson of Rosman, N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Cohonee of Asheville, N. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Boyd last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth of Blantyre were guests at C. W. Talley's on Sunday.

Miss Lois Talley is visiting her aunt Mrs. McGuire.

The pastor of Enon Baptist Church Rev. E. G. Ledford, and N. L. Ponder are attending the convention in Jacksonville. Mr. Jones of Pisgah Forest supplied for Mr. Ledford at Enon yesterday.

The Mother's Class of Enon Baptist Sunday School had the largest attendance yesterday since its organization. Why cannot the women always get out to Sunday School?

The Woman's Missionary Society did not have a program last Thursday because of the absence of both the president and the vice-president. A program will be given at their next regular meeting, second Thursday in June at 3 P. M. The subject is Southern Baptist Education.

Miss Beulah McGuire leader of the Sunbeams asks the children to meet her at the church at 3 P. M. Friday, May 26th.

Farmers in this section are far behind with corn planting. Some do not have the seed bed ready yet. When the ground does get dry enough for plowing it seems now as if the women need to go to the field and help.

We notice with interest Dr. Wallis' article on "The Importance of Proper Foodstuff." We hope the News will allow Dr. Wallis space for a discussion more in detail. There are so many things about food—their combinations, chemical reaction, serving of uncooked foods and many other things. I am sure Dr. Wallis could explain plainly to the housewife's advantage.

ROSE BUGS EATING FRUIT CROP

According to Uncle Jasper Orr, the rose bugs—as he calls them—are destroying the fruit crop. To prove the truthfulness of this statement he brought to the News office an apple limb on which were a number of apples, and some of which were almost devoured by these pests. He says that they do not confine their appetite to apples alone, but are also injuring the grapes.

CAN'T DO WITHOUT IT.

Easley, S. C., May 19-22. Editor Brevard News: Enclose find \$1.50 for which please send paper to my address. Can't do without my old home paper. Respectfully, Mrs. A. W. SITTON. R. F. D. 4 Easley, S. C.

FOR ROAD OVERSEER.

J. K. Mills announces himself as a candidate for Road Overseer of Brevard Township in the primary election to be held June 3rd. Mr. Mills has held this office for a number of years, and that he has successfully filled same is conclusive by his re-election a number of times. Mr. Mills has a wide knowledge of road work and has made a number one road of ficer in that capacity.

PLAY AT LITTLE RIVER

A play will be given by the young people at Little River School House on June 3rd, beginning at 8:30 P. M. The play, "Between Two Lives". The characters are: Henry Wilson, Farmer of the old type. Harold Hart. Mrs. Wilson, his wife. Julia McNeill. Betty, his daughter. Polly Hart. Jack, his son. Newton Pickelsimer. Sias Watson, money lender. H. Heath Donald, a friend of Jack's, T. C. Hamilton.

Gertie Bowers, a school teacher, Ruth Osborne. Abazail who sees villainess in all men. Hester Hamilton. Sam Snipes, the hried man, Clyde Hamilton. Truetta, the maid. Mrs. Ed Mackey Rustus, the colored man, Virgil Merrell. Will Jefferson, prisoner, Smith Osborne. Frison Guard, Ed Mackey. The public is cordially invited.

IN THE LAND OF WATERFALLS

Nestled in Among the Verdant Hills at the Gateway to the Sapphire Country

"BREVARD THE BEAUTIFUL"

Diversion Magazine By Jan Peyton

A little over a hundred years ago Brevard was a little settlement in dense forest land, ranged over by the wandering and warlike tribes of Cherokees and Catawba's. The Cherokees were Southern Indians and traditional accounts say the originally had their hunting grounds in the region of Charlotte, but they were driven west by the Catawbas, their adversaries from the North, and settled in the mountains. They roamed through the Sapphire Country, hunted in the dense forests and fished in the streams. They were less savage than most of their race, but they regarded white settlers as invaders, and there were many bloody conflicts until they were forcibly moved to new hunting grounds across the Mississippi. Some of the Cherokees took to the woods and escaped that they might remain in the beautiful Sapphire Country, where fish and game were plentiful. Their attitude was hostile, and it was a tone of great stress to the little settlement later to be known as Brevard.

The settlement, named in honor of Ephraim J. Brevard, a Revolutionary Hero of the South, amounted to very little until in 1861 Transylvania county was formed out of a part of Henderson county. At this time many wealthy and fashionable people from the lower part of South Carolina bought many of the finest farms and built what were palatial homes for those days. Among them were Frank McKune and William Johnston, from Georgetown, S. C. Their elegant teams and liveried servants are still remembered.

Back in those days when the stage coach was the only means of public transportation wealthy planters from the southlands would form caravans of splendid carriages, magnificent horses and a retinue of slaves to take refuge from the burning heat of the lowlands in the cool breezes of the Sapphire Country. Buck Forest Inn, nine miles south of Brevard, on Little River—and on way to Caesar's Head—was the rendezvous for the beaux and belles from the Southland. It was there that the most fashionable sociable functions took place. Game was plentiful and game laws were lacking. The woods still reverberate with the revelry and merrymaking over the venison dinners although now all that remains of the famous hostelry are the desolate chimney and the mass of ruins. It is a fact today the passerby on starlit nights, when the moon is shadowed by the towering pines, may hear the haunted echoes of those days—the revelry of nights, the ghostly strains of minuet the gay laughter of the vanished glory of days gone by.

In 1864 M. N. Patton was Transylvania's first representative. The court house was a small store room in what today is known as the Caldwell Building. Later court was held in a small frame building which stood on the site of the present building. It was built by George Clayton and Eph. England. The first jail was also small and of wood. Both of these buildings were moved across the street and are still in existence.

In 1874, still in the stage coach days, Transylvania county built a real court house, Thomas Davis being the contractor. The "Red House" was built by Probit Moore in 1876 and later made into a hotel by William Moore—the first hotel in Brevard. The McMinn House was opened as a hotel in 1879.

In 1885 the projected railroad was a topic of interest throughout the region. The route included Hendersonville, but Brevard was out of the way. In 1892 the Transylvania Railroad was built from Hendersonville to Brevard and Rosman. It was then that Brevard began its real development.

With an outlet for its products provided by the new railway, Brevard became the center of a thriving industrial region. The vast tracts of timber were first developed. Lumber mills were built. The small village grew into a prosperous town. Today there are cotton mills, cheese factories, shuttle mills, and large tanneries in and near Brevard.

Easy access renewed the days when the planters of the lower lands of the South sought the Sapphire Country as their country home. To care for the numbers of visitors were built large and comfortable hotels. A watershed high in the mountains was secured to provide the community with pure, sparkling water. Paved streets and sidewalks came into being, and later were added electric lights and power. Brevard had arrived.

Right in the mountains with mile after mile of wonderful trails and roads, amidst towering peaks and fertile valleys this delightful modern Southern city today attracts annually thousands of tourists. Countless waterfalls, notably the falls of Connettee, Maiden Hair, and Glen Cannon, have also caused the region to be called with good reason the Land

OLD DAVIDSON RIVER CEMETERY

A GENERAL WORK DAY—MAY 30 TUESDAY, MEMORIAL DAY.

Most of the old families of the County have friends and relatives buried in this Cemetery, as well as many of those who have moved into the County in recent years. Soldiers of the Revolution; the war of 1812; the Mexican War; the Civil War and other wars lie buried in this Ancient "God's Acre." What more fitting way to observe Memorial Day than to spend the day putting this old Cemetery in good condition once more. It needs much work.

Come early. Bring tools. Bring extra laborers. Bring flowers and plants and shrubbery to set out. Also bring a liberal picnic dinner. Those who labor must eat, and by dinner time will also be very anxious to eat.

CLASS OF 1879-80 of FURMAN UNIVERSITY MET MAY 24th.

The following letter was received by Mr. A. L. Hardin, of this city, and is self-explanatory: May 3rd, 1922.

Mr. A. L. Hardin, Brevard, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Hardin: Your Alma Mater is exceedingly anxious to have present at the Alumni Banquet on May 24th all living Furman men who were in the institution during the session of 1879-80. An especially large number of this group are still living, though many have passed away. We are already assured of a good representation, but we want all to be here if possible. It is now forty-two years since the close of that session. Can you not return and renew your acquaintance with your Alma Mater and with men who sat beside you during that year? Please let me hear from you with a statement that you will be here. Some of your fellow students of that year will also write you. Please be with us if at all possible.

Cordially yours, W. J. McGlothlin, President Furman University.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOME BUREAU.

The Home Bureau will hold its regular monthly meeting at the appointed time, the last Saturday in the month, Saturday May 27 at 1:30 P. M., in Miss Clarke's office in the Court House.

Representatives from the County Home Demonstration Clubs and members of the Home Bureau to be present are as follows:

Mrs. John Lyday, President, Penrose; Mrs. S. P. Verner, Vice-President, Connettee; Miss Annie Gash, Secretary, Pisgah Forest; Mrs. A. O. Kitchen, Treasurer, Rosman Woman's Club; Mrs. Martin Shipman, Little River Woman's Club; Mr. R. A. Foard, Cedar Mountain; Mrs. J. A. Burns, Cedar Mountain; Mrs. C. F. Baldwin, Blantyre; Mrs. T. H. Grogan, Brevard; Miss Julia Merrell, Little River Girl's Club; Miss Flora Lyday, Penrose; Miss Christine Whitmire, Selma; Mrs. W. W. Gray, Lake Toxaway; Miss Nettie Sanders, Lake Toxaway; Miss Uorma Chapman, Quebec; Miss May White, Rosman; Miss Grace Rames, Davidson River; Miss Mmie Haves, Calvert; Miss Evelyn King, Eolston; Miss Gladys Orr, Blantyre Girl's Club; Miss Julia Deaver, Davidson River.

At this meeting the Constitution and by laws will be discussed, revised and adopted. Delegates will be elected to go to Raleigh June 5 to 14, to the annual short course for Home Demonstration Agents and members of Home Demonstration Clubs. Other important topics will be taken up in this meeting. It is imperative that every member be present. Those who care to be asked to come in early and lunch with Miss Clarke in her office.

By order of the President, ANNIE JEAN GASH, Secretary.

BOOKS DONATED

The following books have just been catalogued in the U. D. C. Library: The Great Tradition; American Patriotic Prose; Tales of the Road; Rose of Old Harpeth; Sowing Seeds in Danny; The Price of Freedom; The Spirit of Umbate; A Forest Hearth; A Far-ry Feud.

The first two on the list were given by the Wednesday Book Club and are valuable selections from literature.

The remaining were donated by Mrs. T. H. Shipman. This makes a total of 120 books added to the Library since February 1.

of Waterfalls. Summer camp life is a feature drawing upwards of two thousand campers each season. There are eight established camps in the immediate neighborhood of Brevard, and many others are established at the beginning of each season. Two additional permanent camps are now under construction.

The wealth of resources, the natural beauty of the region, and the hospitality of the people are bases on which Brevard will ever grow.