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JOE ZACHARY COMES HOME ILL

Senator Zachary Member of Many Committees—Duckworth Presents Bill

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8.—The General Assembly of 1923 started off on schedule time Wednesday at noon, with practically every member of both branches in his seat. The House members took the oath of office standing at their desks, the same being administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark, Associate Justice Stacey obligated the senators.

Those elected to positions in the House, are: Speaker, John G. Dawson, of Lenoir; Chief Clerk, Alex Lassiter, of Bertie; Reading Clerk, David P. Dellinger, of Gaston; Enrolling Clerk, Miss Rosa Mund, of Cabarrus; Sergeant-at-Arms, Major Woodhouse, of Bertie.

Senate officials: President pro tempore, Sen. Lunsford, Long, Halifax; Principal Clerk, Frank D. Backett, of Wilkes; Reading Clerk, Philip C. Cooke, of Buncombe; Enrolling Clerk, Joseph Mackey, of Wake; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. D. Gaster, of Cumberland; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph A. Bryson, of Henderson.

Lieutenant Governor Cooper, upon whom devolves the duty of presiding over the Senate, was ready for the dispatch of business when the organization of that body was completed. Speaker Dawson took his bed with a severe cold on reaching the capital Monday and was unable for some days to participate in the proceedings, except for a short time Wednesday, when he came to the hall of the House long enough to be sworn in as presiding officer. He is expected to complete the House committees early this week. The larger committees have already been completed, and are "headed," in the main, by experienced men.

The chairmanship of the committee on Congressional Districts in the senate went to Senator Zachary, of Transylvania. Senator Zachary is also a member of the committees on Agriculture, Claims, Constitutional Amendments, Corporations, Game Law, Insane Asylums, Institutions for the Deaf, Internal Improvements, Manufacturing, Mining, Printing, Pensions and Soldiers' Homes.

The Senator was a sick man when he reached Raleigh and fought manfully to stay on his feet. But he finally had to give in and spent Thursday night in Rex Hospital. On Friday Representative Duckworth and other friends called to see him and were confronted with a positive demand to secure his release from the institution and permit him to return home, where he might receive the attention of his family during the period of recuperation. His physician counseled against his taking the long trip in his weakened condition, but Joe knew which way he was headed and departed on the night train Friday for the Transylvania hills. The Senate has granted an indefinite leave on account of illness, but his colleagues hope to see him back in his seat, greatly improved in health, at an early date.

Representative Duckworth, of Transylvania, presented a bill on Friday providing for an increase in the membership of the board of education in his county from three to five. The new members named in the bill are: Claude Osborne, A. A. England and T. H. Galloway. Mr. Duckworth has himself been a member of the Board for a long period of time, but retires this year and has named his successor in the bill proposed.

With the exception of two or three resolutions designed to put the Ku Klux Klan out of business, nothing of more than passing interest has been presented in either branch of the Assembly. But the "fire works" will start soon.

BREVARD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Brevard High School, after a week's delay, on account of the flu, opened Monday morning with a large per cent of the enrollment present. Mr. John R. Hay made a splendid talk on "The Value of a Good Name," and Alvin Moore beautifully sang, "Hold Thou My Hand."

All the faculty members were here for the opening except Miss Elmyra Jenkins, who will not be back for a month, and Miss Elice Gray, who is detained at home on account of the serious illness of her mother.

LAYMEN'S CLUB WANTS Y. M. C. A.

Believes "Land of Waterfalls Needs Institution—Committee Appointed

The regular meeting of the Laymen's Club was held in the Sunday school annex of the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, January 7, at which there was an enthusiastic attendance.

A general discussion of the work for the winter months was had, and among other things the feasibility of establishing a "Y. M. C. A." in Brevard was brought up, and the President appointed a committee composed of Prof. C. A. Wilson, Chairman; Wm. A. Band, S. C. Yates and F. E. B. Jenkins, to investigate and report to the Club as to the possibilities for launching this splendid movement, the Club being indebted to Mr. Wm. A. Band for the idea, Mr. Band having been an enthusiastic "booster" for this movement.

The Club, which was organized only a few weeks since, has secured a room adjoining the Methodist Sunday school room for its winter meetings, and this gives a comfortable and attractive place for meeting but it is hoped that by the end of the winter season the membership will have outgrown its present quarters to such an extent as to require larger rooms, although we are indebted to the Methodist church for extending the use of this room at present.

The Club organization is as follows: C. H. Klueppelberg, President; O. H. Orr, Vice-President; Wm. A. Band, Secretary; D. G. Ward, Rec. Secretary; J. A. Miller, Treasurer; S. C. Yates, Vice-Treasurer.

The Laymen's Club is composed of laymen from the various churches of the community, and it is the purpose to meet each Sunday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, without regard to denomination, for a discussion of work that may be entered into with a view of furthering the cause of Christianity in the community. This is a new venture for our community but it is hoped that the movement will continue to grow in membership and usefulness. A most cordial invitation is extended to all laymen in Brevard and vicinity to join this club, and a social invitation is given to the young men to meet with us.

—D. G. W.

LITTLE RIVER ITEMS

Miss Willie McCreary of Mrs. Hill spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCray.

Miss Lora Hamilton of Brevard is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manson Hamilton.

Mrs. C. V. Nichol and family have returned home after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Brown of Etowah.

Prof. Everett Jeffery visited his parents at Union, S. C., last week.

Walter Kilpatrick is seriously ill.

Miss Joe Merrill has returned home after a visit to Greenville, S. C.

Missess Jessie and Lenna Ray of Arlingston, S. C., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray, last week.

Walter Nichol, who has been a patient at Stokes' Hospital at Brevard, has returned home.

Miss Ollie George of Arlingston, S. C., visited relatives here last week.

Misses Minnie and Arnetus Merrill of Greenville, S. C., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill.

Frank Shuford has recovered from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Merrill have been sick for the past few weeks with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shipman have returned home after a visit to Greenville, S. C.

Miss Lila McCall is spending this week with her parents during her vacation from Clyde Institute.

Cleveland Landres is seriously ill.

Lula McCall of Hendersonville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McCall.

The public school music, which is now a part of the curriculum of our school is being made most attractive and helpful by Mrs. Hugh Walker, who is instructor in this work. In connection with regular class work she uses a Victrola to demonstrate her lectures.

A number of new books for the library have just come; also a shipment of supplies for the laboratory.

The boys are still enthusiastic over basket ball, and hope to play several more games before the baseball season opens. A game with Mills River is scheduled for Friday

THE PRAYER CORNER

The 23rd Psalm MY CHRISTMAS GREETING TO MY BELOVED FRIENDS

There, came to me a few days ago from "The Sunset Land," "The Land of the Golden Poppy," from a sweet girl, the youngest of three generations of friends, a copy of "The Syrian Shepherds Psalm," and you know it was "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night the wondrous glory shone around," that Christmas night, so dear to all who love the name of "Jesus Our Saviour." One can imagine no better figure to typify the attitude of man toward God, (especially on this day of days), than the attitude of thankfulness for life and all its blessings of perfect trust and unquenching obedience expressed in "The Syrian Shepherds Psalm," the Twenty-Third. It is at once a summary of the ideal of religion and a key to the race whose sweetest singer produced it.

Spurgeon calls it "David's Heavenly Pastoral." What the nightingale is among birds that is this Divine ode among values, for it has sung sweetly in the ear of many a mourner in his night of weeping, and has bidden him hope for a morning of joy. It is like the lark which sings as it mounts and mounts as it sings, until it is out of sight and even then it is not out of hearing.

One of our greatest preachers said that David has left no sweeter Psalm than the short twenty-third. It is but a moment's opening of the soul; but as when one, walking in the winter street, sees the door opened for someone to enter, and the light streams a moment forth and the forms of gay children are running to greet the corner, and mental music sound thru, the door shut and leaves the night black, yet it cannot shut back again all that the eyes, the ears, the heart, the imagination they have seen, so in this Psalm, though it be but a moment's opening of the soul, are emitted bulks of peace and consolation that will never be absent from the world.

It has changed many griefs to rest than all the philosophy of the world. It has comforted the noblest host of the poor. It has sung courage to the army of the disappointed. It has poured balm and consolation into the hearts of the sick, of captives in dungeons, of widows in their pinching straits, of orphans in their loneliness. Young soldiers have died easier as it was read to them, ghostly hospitals have been illuminated, it has visited the prisoner and broken his chains, and like Peter's angel led him forth in imagination and sent him back to his home again. It has made the dying Christian slave free from his master, and comforted those, whom, dying, he left behind mourning, not so much that he was gone, as because they were left behind and could not go, too.

Not is its work one. It will go (sing) to your children and my children and their children through all generations of time; nor will it fold its wings till the last pillar is safe and time ended, and then it will fly back to the bosom of God whence it issued, and sound out mingled with all those sounds of celestial joy, which make heaven musical forever.

That is why, my beloved friends, I would have you read it this Christmas Tide, for it needs no other key than that which every Christian may find in his own bosom.

A Prayer O Bless'd God, we bless Thee for Thy condescension in making Thyself known to us by such lovely emblems, and we bless Thee for all that the emblems teach. Lord, increase our faith. Help us to accept Thee as Thou offerest Thyself to us, with all our heart and to know assuredly that God is our Shepherd.

Continue The loving kindness to us in all the varied scenes of life in all its good and evil, joy and sorrow, brightness and darkness. Grant especially to each of us when we pass through the dark valley Thou mayest be near to us, to keep us from all evil, and when we reach the end of our pilgrimage may we all be with the Lord forever through the merits of His Precious Blood. Amen.

C. D. C.

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BREVARD CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

New Officers Elected—Endorse Farm and Home Demonstration Offices—Banquet

The regular annual meeting of the Brevard Club was held in the club room on Tuesday night at 8:00 P. M.

Much business of importance was discussed and the annual election of officers took place: W. E. Breese was elected President; Robert White, Vice-President; A. E. Hampton, Secretary; Frank Clement, Treasurer; Board of Governors: S. M. Macho, Thos. H. Shipman, Lewis P. Hamlin, Dr. Zachary, Dr. Summey and . . . . .

The Brevard Club has done a great deal for Brevard, and in fact, at one time was the only real live organization to promote progress in Brevard.

The great majority of the citizens, however, are now beginning to realize that what other towns, much smaller than Brevard, are doing can easily be done here. That is the hiring with a suitable salary of an efficient secretary who will give his full time to the work. Hundreds of dollars have been spent through literature and booklets in the past to advertise "The Land of Waterfalls." At the present time, however, there are so many modern camps, etc., that are sending out handsomely illustrated booklets, that it is not necessary to spend from five to eight hundred dollars of the advertising money in this way. It is believed by many that a better advertisement for the county in an account of the fact that he would be able to give all his time to accomplishing any other work, making it pleasant for the tourist after they have arrived "In the Land of Waterfalls." After the tourists had gone they would be so well pleased with the hospitality that they would do us untold good in their personal boasting, etc.

The majority of the members present went on a picnic as being in favor of keeping the Home and Farm Demonstration offices in the county.

An enjoyable banquet was enjoyed by those present and the retiring and installation of the Brevard Club for the year 1923 was given a vote of thanks, etc.

WE CORRECT AN ERROR FOR MR. R. N. HAWKINS

Last week in an editorial the News stated that Mr. Lawrence, a former County Agent, had found it necessary to resign on account of a change of administration. In justice to the former Republican County Commissioners and especially Mr. R. N. Hawkins, the News wishes to state that this was not on account of any and made upon their part. Mr. Hawkins says that as far as the commissioners were concerned at that time Mr. Lawrence could have been here yet. Mr. Hawkins certainly made a good commissioner, has hosts of friends, has always been a friend of the editor and the Brevard News and is an ardent believer in the value of the County and Home Demonstration work. The News hastens to explain the error made and can truthfully say that our neighbor and fellow-townsmen, Mr. R. N. Hawkins, is one of our most progressive, leading and prominent citizens. A man who, regardless of politics, will do the right and proper thing and can never be swayed from the straight and narrow path when it comes to promoting and encouraging the growth and future progress of "The Land of Waterfalls."

BREVARD INSTITUTE NOTES

When Mr. and Mrs. Gray reached Brevard last Monday, upon returning from their vacation trip to Georgia, they found a telegram awaiting them announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Gray's mother at Wilmington, Ohio. They left Tuesday morning and were with their mother the rest of the week, returning on Sunday, having left their mother somewhat improved. As they did not get in from their first trip until 2 A. M. the preceding Monday, they had only a few hours rest before leaving for Ohio, and altogether found the end of their vacation rather strenuous.

This is review week at B. I. and the mid-winter term examinations will be in progress next week. Conditions here are quite normal and no serious results have followed the force of "flu" with which we were afflicted before Christmas.

W. T. Boss, the hub of the Brevard News office, is at home ill with "Grippe."

FIRE DESTROYS KING BUILDING

Twenty-Nine Mules Burned to Death—Over Dozen Automobiles—\$60,000 Blaze

On Wednesday morning about three o'clock the night watchman, Eck Simms, discovered that the King building on Main street was on fire and promptly sent in the alarm.

The building was a substantial two-story brick structure of large dimensions. The ground floor, being below Main street, was used as a stable, where many horses and mules occupied the stalls. The upper story was used as a garage and was perhaps the largest of its kind in Brevard. Messrs. D. E. Henry and C. H. Klueppelberg were partners of this business and had the Ford agency. Thousands of dollars worth of supplies, parts, tires, new and old cars of every make and kind were stored in the building and nothing was saved except some live stock. Quite a few horses were run out, but twenty-seven mule carcasses show the rapid spread of the flame and terrible havoc wrought by the conflagration. Several mules which were run out were so badly burned that they had to be shot and here are a half dozen that are burnt so badly that they will probably die.

The Bishop building which houses the hardware and plumbing store was a serious danger of being too for a short time, but due to the heroic efforts of the firemen and volunteer fire building was saved, although the tank was considerably damaged by water, etc., and the roof badly scorched in places.

The city water hydrant in front of E. H. Waters was not in very good shape and the water pressure was hardly strong enough to reach the top of a one story building, and for a long time it looked as if all the buildings adjoining the garage would go down.

The loss is estimated to be between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars and it is understood only partly covered by insurance.

It is not known how the fire started or if it started in the stable where there was much hay, etc., and due to the gas, grease, etc., in the garage made great headway and probably from a small spark was a main cause of the fire. Some one has suggested that the gas may have caused it as there was a stove lit at two o'clock in the building according to the night watchman.

THE MONUMENT IDEA IS GROWING DAILY

The memorial committee consisting of Rev. J. C. Seeger, Wm. A. Band, John W. Smith, T. H. Shipman, F. E. Breese, F. J. Summey, J. H. Pickett, J. H. Walker, J. C. W. Hunt.

This monument will assist our great purpose, each one very important:

- 1. In honor of Transylvania's soldiers of the Civil War.
2. In honor of Transylvania's soldiers of the World War.
3. In memory of the Sons of Transylvania who died in service.
4. Marking Transylvania's allegiance to the great Pisgah National Forest.

This monument will be a credit to the county and an open page of history, from which all who pass may read the lesson of devotion and patriotism.

The honor in honoring the dead, honor themselves. Monuments since all time express the pride, progress, patriotism and cultivation of a people, a lasting lesson for all future generations.

In marking the Brevard entrance to the Pisgah National Forest, this monument will serve as a great advertisement to Brevard and Transylvania's superior advantages and will be worth thousands of dollars to the county. It will attract and charm, from year to year, every visitor who visits our favored section. Pictures and post cards by the thousands will be sent all over the North, South, East, and West.

C. W. HUNT

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AGED COUPLE GET MARRIED

Walk Thirty-Two Miles In Order To Enter the Holy Bonds of Matrimony—And Becket.

A story of more than usual interest developed in connection with a marriage performed on last Tuesday morning by Rev. Chas. C. Smith. On that day at about 11:00 o'clock an old couple knocked at his front door and the man said that he wanted to get the minister to say a few words "Over 'em" that would make them man and wife. Of course the preacher is always keen on marriage, and gladly welcomed them.

But they were all alone, and as there was no one else of the family at home at the time, Mr. Smith had to go out and get three witnesses to make the marriage legal. While waiting for the witnesses to arrive the old man said, "Say, preacher, how much do you charge for marrying folks?" The minister replied "Different prices. I married a couple a few days ago and the man gave me ten dollars." "Go," said the man, "The Register of Deeds up town told me you hardly ever charged anything. I ain't got but fifty cents." The preacher told him that would do.

The witnesses arriving, the ceremony was performed, and the man handed the preacher the fifty cents, but he told him that he would not charge him one cent.

The man is seventy years old and the woman 65. They both are from Cruso, in Haywood county, sixteen miles from Brevard. He is Mr. David B. Watts, and she was Mrs. Maggie Messer. Mr. Smith asked him, how they were going to get home with only fifty cents, and they said they were going to walk it over the mountains! So as soon as the ceremony was performed the happy couple put in their last night's sleep in a bed of hard frosts, but before their feet reached the mountains to their future home.

GROWTH OF THE BREVARD BANK CO.

Good Dividend Declared—Officers Elected—State Treasurer Snows Conference

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Brevard Building Company was held in the Directors' Room of the bank on January 8, 1923, and every one was well and enjoying themselves. The stock owned represented a person.

The officers of the bank reported a prosperous year's business, and as specially qualifying conditions in general, there was no business throughout the country.

The report made by the President which reflected upon the condition of the institution, was that the bank had been able to take care of all of its customers without having to call or make a foreclosing on the collateral held of all our people to come through with "flying colors."

A vote of thanks of appreciation was given the officers and the Board of Directors by the stockholders for the very gratifying results shown for the year, and the old Board of Directors for the ensuing year is follows:

J. S. Silverstein, R. W. Brown, C. C. Young, W. M. Henry, Chas. E. Orr, W. S. Ashworth, Thos. H. Shipman.

As a mark of confidence by our State Treasurer, B. R. Lacy, Brevard Building Company was designated by a regular state depository about six months ago.

At the meeting of the new Board of Directors, a substantial amount was placed to the surplus account for the year, after declaring a four per cent dividend for the past six months.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Thos. H. Shipman, President; Jos. S. Silverstein, Vice-President; R. W. Lyon, Cashier; H. L. Wilson, Teller; Annie L. Shipman, Teller; Ralph J. Duckworth, Bookkeeper.

FOURTEEN EARS IN ONE!

W. A. Brown brought in a curious freak of Nature in the way of an ear of corn or we should say fourteen ears all growing to-gether as one, but each little ear distinct in itself. It remained one of tulip in appearance.