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REMINISCENCES OF J. M. HAMLIN

Mr. Editor: I am glad to have provoked the above letter from Mr. Henderson. It is history itself and takes the place of what was said in relation to Quebec two weeks ago. I never knew the origin of the name of Quebec mountains. It compares favorably in size with other Transylvania mountains. I have not noticed it on the county map; why not place it there? What is said about the Trammel is no doubt correct. I knew when a boy Washington and Hazel, also their mother and sister, Mrs. Mat Galloway. I remember their dwelling—a very neat log house standing in the old field through which the long railroad tracks pass. It is very probable had the citizens interested themselves in the building of a road, a result would have been different. The letter part of Mr. Henderson's letter is very much appreciated. He seems to me to be awakened to a new thought—the history of our county and so wide awake as to make his own personal expense to secure it. He has grown weary of seeing his own "Brevard" and "Transylvania" in the hands of a "clerk" or "writer" who will do as he is apprised, one of the magnitude of the task of gathering and editing the data found in the divin, social, educational, religious, historical and geographical spheres requiring time and talent, and must be regarded as something like Mr. Henderson's estimate is that it is hoped, will be done. Had Mr. Henderson's letter been received last year ago, it might have given a logical shape to the writings of the undersigned for the last few years. The desultory remarks, independent largely of the acquisition of thought, will be poor contributions to their possession; but to that society that may be formed in this county for the preservation of historical data relating to Transylvania county, I tender in advance, the use and believe all I have written or may hereafter write.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Hamlin, Quebec, N. C., Dec. 17, 1923. Mr. J. M. Hamlin, Brevard, N. C. Dear Brother Hamlin: I have read with very great interest your Reminiscences in last week's Brevard News, and I concur in nearly everything you said in your article in regard to the names of the Stations on the Transylvania Railroad. But I want to give a little history in regard to the name Quebec, which I suppose you do not know. Then if you wish to give it to the public through the columns of our paper I do not object. In fact I should be pleased for you to have the facts made public. The Transylvania Railroad was built from Rosman to Lake Toxaway in 1892-3, at the same time the Toxaway Inn and Lake Toxaway dam were built. When the track was laid up to this point Mr. Hays came and asked me about putting in a side-track here on my place in order that they might shorten their wagon haul from Rosman up to this point. (They were running several wagons from Rosman to Lake Toxaway to supply material for the dam and inn at Lake Toxaway.) He stated that it would be a great saving to them to cut off the almost five miles haul from Rosman to Toxaway—it was then called. I agreed for him to put in the side-track, and later I was in his office in Brevard, and he asked me to suggest a name for the place. I suggested Tiptop (the name of the old post office on that creek) I suggested Midway—midway between Rosman and Lake Toxaway—but these names did not seem to appeal to him. He suggested to me that we call the place Henderson or Beaufort—my two names—but I

A CHRISTMAS EVE MARRIAGE

A Christmas Eve marriage of interest to the people of Brevard occurred in Hendersonville at the Parsonage of the First Methodist Church in the last evening of December 24, when Mr. John S. Greenwood, of Hazelwood, near Waynesville, was married to Mrs. Dovie Townsend of Brevard. Mr. Greenwood lived for a time in Brevard, and is now connected with a tannery at Hazelwood. Mrs. Townsend is well known here where she has many friends. An interesting feature of this wedding is that Rev. Frank Siler, pastor of the First Methodist church at Hendersonville, who performed the ceremony, and Mr. Greenwood were reared in the same neighborhood in Macon County and were boys together.

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On account of there being Henderson and a Hendersonville and also a Beaufort in this state. Then I mentioned Quebec as being an appropriate name, since the place is situated at the top of Quebec Mountain, just as Saluda station is at the top of the Saluda Mountains. Black Mountain is on the Black Mountains, and Balsam on the Balsam Mountains. He said at once, "We'll call it Quebec," and this is how it got its name.

But how Quebec Mountain got its name is entirely another matter and I am of the opinion that you are more familiar with the history of the naming of the mountain than I am, as it was called Quebec Mountain before I was born.

However, after this station was named Quebec, I asked Uncle Bill Allen, who lived at the Buck Lane place on Flat Creek—near Quebec Mountain—before we moved to this county how the mountain got its name, and following is the account he gave me of the naming of the mountain:

He said that about eighty or ninety years ago an old gentleman by the name Trammel—I have forgotten his first name, but it seems to me that he said Benjamin, Joshua or Washington—lived near Uncle Mat Galloway lived at the foot of Quebec Mountain. His children would go up to the creek and come on the left side of the mountain to play and the little "perrot" or "bee-bad" birds had nests built under the rock cliffs. Uncle Bill said they called the little birds Quebec when he was a boy, and that these Trammel children talked so much about the Quebec birds on the mountain that people began to call the mountain by that name.

I do not know that these are facts, but this is what Uncle Bill Allen told me, and I have no right to doubt his statement unless some one has a more plausible reason to give for the name. So you see the name Quebec has a history.

Mr. Hamlin, I have read for the last few years many of your Reminiscences in the Brevard News, and I am sorry I did not preserve them since they contain so much of the early history of the colonization, settlement, and development of our county. I do not think these interesting facts covering our county should be lost to further posterity.

If you have not already given these facts to some one or to some Historical Society for preservation, I should be pleased to know what you would charge me to give me as complete a history of the county as you can from the first settlements made in our border until recent years. If you are "short" on some facts covering the very first settlements made, I am of the opinion that you could get quite a lot of interesting data from old Uncle E. B. Clayton. I should be pleased to have interesting facts concerning church history, also anecdotes of happenings all down through our county's history.

Will you undertake to write this out for me; and, if so, at what price?

Please let me know at once what you will do, as I am anxious to preserve the many interesting facts you have given us during the past few years.

Your friend, W. B. Henderson.

Wonderful Progress of Transylvania County

The Chamber of Commerce, Transylvania's Business and Professional Men and Women's Association will hold its annual meeting at the business rooms in the Brees Building on Tuesday, January 15, 1924, at 8:00 P. M. Every member is planning to attend.

The Chamber of Commerce is strong in membership and its finances are in splendid shape.

During the year just closed, Brevard has had a most wonderful and progressive building boom. Thousands of dollars has been invested in new business blocks, homes, etc. It is predicted however, that the year 1924 will be noted for even a greater and more progressive and prosperous period.

It will take all the carpenters, bricklayers, painters and kindred trade workers in and around Brevard to complete and make possible the great building plans now on foot by leading citizens of our county.

New School Building. Fifty thousand dollars has already been appropriated by the State for the erection of a magnificent new County High School building in Brevard. The new structure will probably cost close unto one hundred thousand dollars. The land has already been purchased and is located on Broad Street adjoining the Brevard School grounds.

Fair and Park Grounds. There is a strong movement on foot to have the county and town purchase and own a large tract of land in or near the County seat for the purpose of improving, fencing in, etc., a fair and play grounds. Such a proposition would receive the united support of the great majority of our citizens and especially the farmers, who realize that Transylvania needs and should have an annual fair. The traveling shows, circus, etc., that come to Transylvania would easily pay in taxes the interest on such an investment. The county commissioners are seriously considering such a proposition and there is little doubt that our county commissioners will make it possible during 1924 for our county to have a permanent fair grounds such as has so long been needed.

Silverstein Ashworth Building. The long heralded, Silverstein Ashworth building which is to be built on the large corner lot of Caldwell and Main will be erected this year. This building when completed will easily outrank any of the large and beautiful buildings of Brevard and will be classed with some of the finest in such larger cities.

New Bank Building. The Brevard Banking Company has been planning for some time to erect a modern Bank Building and while the plans and specifications are about completed it is believed that this modern structure will not be started until March of this year. This building will be most modern in every respect with beautiful tile flooring, brass copper and mahogany fixtures, etc. It will be the pride of all Western North Carolina when completed.

Emma Bagwell Grocery Store. Miss Emma Bagwell has recently purchased a lot just back of her present located grocery store. She plans to build a most up-to-date fire proof grocery store building. The present fire hazard will soon be torn down.

Phillip's Bakery. George Phillip's new bakery is very nearly completed and he expects to move into this grand new bakery building at a very early date. This building is a very valuable addition to Brevard's ever growing business district. The ovens and fixtures are of the most up-to-date kind and the citizens are to be congratulated upon having such a staunch and hustling baker as one of their neighbors.

Frank Clement Building. The new Jewelry Store completed and located on Main Street which has been erected by Frank D. Clement is one of the best built business blocks in Brevard. The store is very attractive, having two stories and is one of the newest and most attractive new buildings in Brevard.

Mr. Clement will move in a few days. New Garage. The Lowe Motor Company who recently completed their handsome new garage building predict a wonderful year for Brevard. Their business is increasing by leaps and bounds and they are ever awake in bobbing "The Land of Waterfalls."

Jud McCarrie's new building on Caldwell Street which houses Jess Smith's garage, the Ross Cafe and the large McCary Garage is a great addition to Brevard's Business district. The citizens of this community are united in their appreciation of this stupendous undertaking which "Jud" put over in building this large structure during the past year.

New Furniture Store. J. W. Allison's new furniture store on Caldwell Street is a model for any of the furniture houses in much larger cities. The new store building which has only recently been completed adds much to Transylvania county. The new furniture store is unusually attractive and the display of new and wonderful furniture, household articles, etc., is unsurpassed anywhere in the South.

New Cafe. The Central Cafe recently opened on Main Street is a valuable addition to Brevard and is most attractive. It adds much in making Brevard the attractive city it is fast becoming.

Churches Expanding. The new parsonage being erected by the Brevard Baptists is a lovely dwelling and will be completed in a few weeks. The cost of this handsome new home for the Baptists will be approximately \$8000.

The new Sunday School rooms being built and added to the Methodist church is a splendid example of progress and christian endeavor. There will be at least twelve rooms and the cost of the erection will probably cost about \$6,000.00.

New Homes. Miss Florence Kern has recently completed remodeling her home on Gaston Street just back of the Baptist church. This home is very attractive and adds much to this section of the city.

Many New Buildings Planned. In addition to all the above there are many new homes, store buildings, garages, etc., being planned all over the county.

J. S. Bromfield plans to erect at least two new filling stations during the year 1924. Mr. Mull also will erect a filling station on his corner lot on Broad Street.

Camps. Several new camps are planned and while the News is not in possession of the facts, it is believed that at least two of these new camps will rank with the very best that are now established in Transylvania County.

Industries. In industries there is some prospect of a shoe factory locating here. This will be done by the same corporation represented by Mr. J. S. Silverstein.

Wholesale Grocery Store. The Wholesale Grocery store which will be established early this year will mean much to this county. It will save thousands of dollars to be circulated at home which at the present time is helping to build up other towns and cities. Messrs. Ashworth and Wm. Henry are behind this proposition and with men of such influence and character there can be little doubt but that such a venture will be a great success. Several other citizens are deeply interested in such business enterprise, but it will take the co-operation of everyone to make this the greatest need in Transylvania county a genuine and huge success.

Improve Hotel. T. W. Whitmore of Asheville, contemplates vast improvements on the buildings he owns in Brevard. The Aethelwald is to be completely overhauled and a new store building on Main Street one story in height is to be erected. The corner block occupied by the Davis-Walker Drug Company, and Smith's Barber Shop is also to be overhauled and repaired.

ROBERT E. LEE SERVICE.

The Following Letter Will be of Interest to Many Readers, Saint Andrew's on The Hill.

Canton, N. C., Dec. 28, 1923. Miss Angie Jean Cash, Brevard, N. C. My dear Miss Cash:

On Sunday afternoon, January 20, 1924, at 4 o'clock in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Canton, we are to have a ROBERT E. LEE SERVICE. We extend to you and your Chapter a very cordial invitation to be with us and to send a delegation from your Chapter to the service which promises to be a very notable one.

May we hear from you as to just the number, who will come from Brevard, so that we can make pew reservations for you?

The service will consist of Lee Addresses, a program of Southern music, a sermon on Lee by the Rector and the Presentation of the Confederate Flag and the picture of Lee.

Kindly give the notice of this service to your local newspaper and advertise it among your friends and Chapter members and please have a goodly number of Brevard folks present.

Very sincerely yours, Clarence S. McClellan, Rector.

EPISCOPAL ASSEMBLY GROUNDS LIKELY TO BE SITUATED IN THIS SECTION.

That somewhere in Western North Carolina the Episcopal Assembly grounds will be located is believed by many to be certain. Just what town or near what town the committee will decide on is of course yet not known. Many places will likely be looked over.

Brevard is trying hard to get the assembly grounds in that county and Henderson is likely to present some very suitable places for the committee's consideration. Other counties will probably go after the proposition also.

It would look like Henderson or Transylvania, by reason of their proximity to the great southern body of the church would stand the better chance for securing the grounds, but no one yet knows just what the committee will decide upon or where they will choose the site.—Hendersonville Times.

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Election Year.

The year 1924 is an election year and no doubt Transylvania county will, as usual, have an exciting election.

The present office holders of the county are all very efficient and public spirited servants of the people. So far as The News is concerned, we would suggest making their re-election unanimous without more ado. However, we realize that this would not do in Transylvania county. Most of us folk like the fun and excitement of an election.

Transylvania county is now under the State-wide Primary Law, and so both parties must hold a primary and not a convention. We also have the Australian ballot system which means a clean, fair election.

The present county commissioners have done much to help the county not only by their great savings to the county, but by their systematic economy in every way. There has been many changes in the personnel of the different offices and there are many who think that this was for the better.

However, we believe in fair play and will handle the political situation in the usual manner by treating both parties and all individuals alike, and by printing the News fairly and honestly regardless of party affiliation. All political advertisements must be paid for in advance, and while we spend the money we will think of the many aspirants for office who will be keenly disappointed on next November, 1924.

We are still a candidate for the office of "Printer" in Transylvania county and hope to be re-elected.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Calendar. Sunday school—Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Sunday 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting—Sunday 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting—Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

The Hut tree was beautiful. Mrs. Everett furnished the tree and each class had a certain part in the decoration, etc. The program was given by the primary department and was quite effective.

Mr. L. A. Ammon has been elected as Sunday school superintendent for the coming year, and Mr. Fred Miller assistant superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. White, and Mr. John White are away on their Christmas vacation.

The men of the church made up the difference in the amount of salary Mr. Hay is receiving here, and the amount he was offered in Caltburg, Ky. This sum was given Mr. Hay four months in advance.

Our church is making fine progress, now. For several Sundays, there have been two and three members added each Sunday.

AT THE TRAP SHOOT.

At the trap shoot December 30, the following were made: Mr. W. E. Ramsey leading with 23 out of a possible 30.

- J. W. Smith . . . 21 out of 30
D. E. Hays . . . 23
W. H. Grogan . . . 21
F. L. Smith . . . 20
J. F. Duckworth . . . 19
Jerry Jerome . . . 18
Wrighton . . . 17
W. B. F. Wright . . . 17
W. F. Fairbright . . . 15
O. C. Young . . . 14
T. T. Lofis . . . 13
T. S. Wood . . . 12
W. H. Harris . . . 10

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO MISS MARY JANE GLAZENER.

As members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, we desire to publicly express our deep sorrow at the passing away of our oldest, and one of our most faithful members, Miss Mary Jane Glazener.

She was ever loyal to the society and although deprived of the pleasure of attending the meetings in her last years, she had unfeigned interest in the workings of the Chapter, and all that it stood for. In her gentle spirit and sterling character she has left us a beautiful legacy which we would strive to emulate. While we have sustained a great loss, let us not complain, but bow in humble submission to Him who is too wise to err, and too merciful to be unkind.

Resolved: That we, the members of the U. D. C. extend to her bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

Second. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the Brevard News, and a copy be placed upon the records of the U. D. C. Society.

Mrs. L. W. Miller, Della Gask, Jane D. Patton.