

## REMINISCENCES OF J. M. HAMLIN

The Old Hearth - stone - Steady  
Growth of Transylvania -  
The County Home.

Mr. Editor:

In some recent reviews I thought, How the farmer with the keenest pleasure intently watches his crop through all the mutations of development. After the seed goes into the ground, he eagerly watches the breaking crust as the tiny plants push up; he counts the leaves as they one by one unfold to the light; then as they reach upward, he measures the stalk - "half leg-high", "knee-high", waist high", now with increased interest, he looks for tassels and silks, and finally with exuberant joy the golden grain is garnered and placed to the credit side of honest toil.

Then I thought in a similar vein of parents with inherent love watching through a long stretch of years the development of their family as member by member is added. I feel the touch of the thrill that came from the first seeming smile of the wee one nestling in the crib; then the "babas", the coos, the prattles, then came the jubilant epoch of "sitting alone" and toddling bumps. Soon the boyish pranks and girlish whims vex and amuse. Still watching through the hopeful school days that seem to end abruptly in the festival that marks an incoming bride or the one less joyous that marks the outgoing of another, and so and so, until the old hearthstone is shorn of youth and vivacity, left to stand as a silent, looking forth and back. This is life and happy are they that live it well. A thought on the patriotic side presented itself. A good citizen is not wholly absorbed in his business and family, but these as factors stimulate his inherent love of country to closer watchfulness and desire to promote the development of his community and feels the pleasurable consciousness of guiding with it in upward reachings and forward movings. In attempting to localize this thought there is a feeling of loneliness stealing over us as being one of the surviving few which saw Transylvania sixty-three years ago in her swaddling clothes. Few remain to tell the story of how our fathers in the darksome days of war started her toddling off with face headed in the right direction, and how with increasing strength and growth in stature, she kept in view the pathway leading to an honorable place in the constellation of progressive counties of the State.

They remember the first court held in 1865, presided over by Judge A. S. Merrimon and held in an unfinished borrowed wooden dwelling. The impression upon the minds of the whole people made by this court has never been equaled by any subsequent. It inspired the citizenry with hope and confidence and overawed the rabble which had permeated the land. From this court went an outflow of the latter into East Tennessee and to regions beyond. Mr. Tracy, an Ohioan adventurer who elastically affiliated with this crowd and poisoned the mind of the colored, decided to leave. The county rejoiced in the decision.

This incubus being removed or brought under control, the people began to talk and plan for public buildings. Soon a two story barn-like wooden building was reared. This served fifteen or more years an improvised temple of justice, also, townhall, social functions, public worship, school commencements, etc. In the 1880's, a brick structure, more in accord with the taste and finances of the times took the place of the unsightly. Other institutions having become more self-reliant the court house was not regarded as a general purpose building. Thirty years after, the county having grown in finance and culture desired a more characteristic representative and in 1921-2 enlarged, remodeled and modernized the old building so that it assumes a presentable appearance and indicates the type of its builders.

In the matter of bridges, Henderson county bequeathed her daughter, Transylvania, in 1861, two or three wooden bridges spanning French Broad river; now the river is spanned  
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## AUTOMOBILE TURNS OVER

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF MRS. B. E. TODD AND PAINFUL INJURIES OF MR. W. W. CROUSHORN.

The citizens of Brevard were deeply grieved and saddened when they learned that Mrs. (Dr.) B. E. Todd had been killed and Mr. W. W. Croushorn injured on the hard-surfaced road about five miles this side of Asheville.

Mrs. Todd was the wife of Dr. B. E. Todd. They were the owners of the Franklin Hotel in Brevard and operated same last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd had been spending the winter in Florida, where they owned some property, and Mrs. Todd had left Dr. Todd a few days previous to visit her father and mother in Knoxville, and while in Knoxville, had received a proposition from Mr. King Morris of Hendersonville in regard to some parties wishing to buy or lease the Franklin Hotel, and Mrs. Todd came to Hendersonville where Dr. Todd expected to meet her, and arrange to sell or lease the property to Mr. Morris' clients.

Dr. Todd was unavoidably delayed in Florida and Mrs. Todd came to Brevard on Saturday to have the hotel opened up and put in shape to be shown to the expected lessees or purchasers.

Dr. and Mrs. Todd had been close personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Croushorn and Mrs. Todd and her young son took supper at the Croushorn home Saturday evening and Mr. Croushorn drove her to Hendersonville with her son and nurse after supper.

Mr. Croushorn had an engagement in Asheville Saturday night and after reaching Hendersonville, Mrs. Todd decided to drive over to Asheville with Mr. Croushorn and see the "Covered Wagon" which was then shown at the Auditorium.

After leaving Hendersonville, it started to drizzle rain and when Mr. Croushorn reached a little settlement known as "Mountain Home", and where the new highway crosses the old road, he found the road very muddy and rough and his automobile stuck. Mrs. Todd was an expert automobilist and she took the wheel to drive the car and Mr. Croushorn got out and tried to push the car through, but was unable to do so, and had to wait until some passersby came and helped and got him through the mud and Mrs. Todd kept on driving. When they got to what is known as the "Littleford Place", and on a perfectly straight piece of road, they met a car coming from Asheville, which had very bright horn got out and tried to push the car off of the cement road and ran parallel to it, for a distance of approximately 150 or 175 feet when the wheels struck a little gully, the car then being on a fill, and the gully turned the car down the fill where it turned over, bottom side up, and caught Mrs. Todd and Mr. Croushorn underneath it. The bank was about 12 feet high at this place and being a dark rainy night, passersby did not discover the car for some time. Mr. Croushorn was not sure of the exact time of the wreck, owing to his having been stuck in the mud at "Mountain Home" for some time. It seems that some negro, driving by, first discovered the car, and instead of immediately giving the alarm, drove all the way to Asheville, and told of the wreck. In the meantime, another man came along and tried to turn the car over, but was unable to do so, and had to go for help, and when he returned and explicated Mrs. Todd and Mr. Croushorn he found that Mrs. Todd was dead and Mr. Croushorn painfully, if not seriously injured. As soon as the negro made his report in Asheville the Sheriff was notified and a Deputy Sheriff was immediately sent out to the scene of the wreck, where he found Mr. Croushorn and had Mr. Lance of Fletchers, take him to a hospital at Biltmore, and the Sheriff took charge of Mrs. Todd's body and had it sent to Nolan-Brown Undertaking Establishment.

The Sheriff made a close examination of the car and surroundings to find the cause thereof, and had the Cazel Garage Company to send a wrecker out to the scene and tow the car into Asheville.

After the Sheriff made his report, the Solicitor and Coroner decided that it was not necessary to hold an inquest, as there were no indications of any collision, or other cause, which  
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## DR. HUNT ADVERTISES BREVARD

Memorial Arch at Entrance of Pisgah National Forest and Game Preserve.

The following appeared in a Florida paper underneath a photo of the Memorial Arch.

Marking the eastern entrance to the great "Pisgah National Forest and Game Preserve," and situated four miles from the tourist town of Brevard, N. C., stands a handsome memorial arch which was recently erected by the citizens of Transylvania county, North Carolina, to the memory of the soldiers from that county who served in the world war.

The memorial is in the form of a gateway supporting an arch on which, in bronze letters, is the sign, "Pisgah National Forest." A large bronze eagle rests up on the top of the arch, and a bronze inset in each pillar bears a legend honoring the men who served in the world war, another in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and bearing the names of those heroes.

The monument fund was raised by public subscription. The school children were liberal with their pennies, and one little girl in the country who did not have pennies gave a pair of ducks. The grown people contributed sums of various amounts, and a great deal of inside iron work was contributed. The farmers donated days of hauling sand and stone.

Workmen, farmers, and the fathers of veterans, gathered and carefully selected the stones from the bed of the nearby, crystal stream of Davidson river, and it is said that no two stones are alike in size, color or shape. The Boy Scouts, led by the Rev. J. R. Hay, did much of the work of wading the stream, braving the shoals, and bringing safely to the bank stones of special beauty.

This memorial to the heroes of the World War is considered particularly fitting, marking, as it does, the entrance to the magnificent Pisgah National Forest and Game Preserve, located in the southern, Appalachian mountains, which are said to be the oldest mountains in the world and so beautiful that they won for themselves the name of the Switzerland of America.

The forest contains 80,600 acres, 60,000 of which lie in the county of Transylvania, and was formerly owned by the late George W. Vanderbilt. Here the towering peaks pierce the sky at an altitude of several thousand feet. Mount Mitchell, the tallest peak east of the Rockies, stands 6,711 feet, and from its heights can be seen 20 peaks raising their heads to an altitude of 6,290 feet. Twenty-three other peaks rest among the clouds at an altitude of 5,600 feet, so mending out in bold relief, others dimly visible through an azure mist, and still others partly hidden above the clouds. One of the most famous of the several mass formations of stone, which are among the wonders of nature, is "Looking Glass Rock," 3,600 feet in height, with a perpendicular face of smooth stone on which can be seen, during certain times of a clear day, the reflections of distant mountains.

Those who have visited the Appalachian mountains, and Pisgah National Forest, in particular, say that pen cannot describe these beautiful mountains, their piercing peaks, circling crests, their fearful awe-inspiring precipices and their darksome gorges. The mind fails to grasp all their beauties and grandeur, and the imagination is lost in wonder as the charmed beholder worships the mightiness of the God of Nature, the great architect of the heavens, and realizes the littleness of man.—St. Petersburg Times.

### MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

The aldermen met in regular session Monday night. An ordinance was read and passed for paving Broad Street. The contract was let to the Piedmont Construction Co., cost not to exceed \$6000.00. The clerk was empowered to borrow the money to pay for the paving. The town attorney was instructed to draw up a dog ordinance to be presented at the next meeting.

## GROWING MOVEMENT FOR DANIELS

Daniels For President Clubs Rapidly Forming - Conventions - Maybe Extra Session.

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, N. C., March 3, 1924.

That the delegation from North Carolina to the Democratic National convention in New York City next summer will present the name of former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is altogether probable. Friends of the Raleigh editor, who has been away since the Wilson funeral, held an enthusiastic meeting here on Thursday evening and inaugurated an earnest movement to secure a State delegation favorable to the nomination of their distinguished townsman. Resolutions placing his name squarely before the public and setting forth his fitness for this great office were unanimously adopted. The Daniels endorsement carries the names of city, county and state officials and men prominent in the life of the community and the State. The movement is gaining momentum. Daniels clubs are rapidly forming over the State and the mention of his name in connection with the leadership of his party in the Nation is not a joke by any means. The sentiment for Mr. Daniels is not unanimous. He has political enemies. Every public man has them. But local pride, if nothing else, will be the means of "putting over" the Daniels endorsement at the Democratic State convention unless the movement is checked in some unexpected way.

The Democratic State Executive Committee has set the date for precinct meeting throughout the State for April 5; county conventions to be held at noon on Saturday, April 12, and the State convention in Raleigh on Thursday, April 17th. Precinct meetings and county conventions will be held under the rules and regulations of the Democratic Plan of Organization. The State convention will be composed of delegates selected by conventions in the various counties who will participate in the selection of delegates to the National Convention.

The Ham - Ramsay meetings continue to grow in interest and attendance. Multitudes flock to hear the evangelist and he never disappoints them. But a lot of folks - who do not fancy "uncomfortable seats" and "saw dust floors" are conspicuous by their absence. Excuses like these do not deter the preacher. Says he is here to fight the devil and those who do not like his tactics are privileged to absent themselves from the meetings. Mr. Ham is strong in courage and intellect. He is a scholar of the "old school" and deeply grounded in the fundamentals. With "Zion in labor" he believes the foundations of evil can be broken up. His faith in the Bible is unshaken by the theories of modernists whose teachings, he thinks, are gradually undermining the very pillars of civilization. In support of this contention he points to the collapse of nations and principalities who have forsaken the Truth in the past, Germany being the latest victim of false philosophy.

There may be an extra session of the General Assembly next summer. Certainly so if Governor Morrison feels reasonably certain of being able to put across his boat line proposition. The Water Transportation Commission completed a series of conferences here on Saturday and final report on the result of its investigations is expected within sixty days. It is believed that the report will be favorable to the establishment of port terminals, if it goes no further. Whether this recommendation will justify the expense of an extra session of the Legislature, with the near approach of the regular biennial session is debatable. Whether this recommendation will justify the expense of an extra session of the Legislature, with the near approach of the regular biennial session, is debatable. Whether it will be debated or not is quite another matter. Extra sessions are not popular, but that makes "no difference" sometimes.

### POLITICAL NEWS:

The News will print the Republican political news next week. Copy came in Wednesday evening in poor condition. We will put it in intelligible shape by next week.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 3.

A letter from Miss Lucile Clarke, Home Demonstration Agent, was read explaining that her continued absence was due to illness and was unforeseen at the time she left for her vacation.

A. M. Paxton of Rosman presented a bill for a casket for Mitchell McGaha. Ordered paid.

The case was reported of an ex-soldier who was ill and unable to work. The young man has a wife and two small children. The case was referred to the Legion Post. The regular pauper list was allowed. A number of applicants were on hand to ask present relief. Each case was carefully examined before being acted upon.

Mr. Eck Sims appeared and presented a bill for a still destroyed on Rocky Creek. A question arose as to the boundary line between Transylvania County and South Carolina. Mr. Ashworth, being familiar with the line, was appointed a committee to investigate the location of the still before the claim could be allowed. N. P. Galloway reported having destroyed a still on Frozen Creek.

A large number of citizens appeared before the board to ask for correction in tax statements. These were investigated and in most instances corrections made.

Several hours were occupied in examining and allowing bills. Only those carefully itemized were allowed. The jailer was instructed that the County would not pay for tobacco for the prisoners in jail. Twenty-one wild cat scalps and two hides were brought in. These scalps each call for a bounty of \$3 so they were carefully examined and counted.

On Monday afternoon the board adjourned to destroy a number of trills which had been brought in.

Tuesday morning the Treasurers account was checked: Contingent, \$788.59; Pauper, \$297.97; Bond Interest, \$3001.50; Dog Tax, \$3.00; General Road, \$902.29; Total, \$4,999.35 - Commissioners, \$149.98.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$1,000.00 from the contingent to the general road fund.

The jury list for the April term of Court was drawn by little Thomas Nicholson. The names of the Jurors will be published next week.

Superintendent of Education Henderson, appeared with a petition from the citizens of Rosman asking for an election on increasing the local school tax in order to continue to maintain a State high school there. The petition had been indorsed by the Board of Education and the election was ordered.

### BREVARD CHORAL SOCIETY

Last Fall a Choral Society was organized in the community with eighty names enrolled as members.

This organization was open to all music lovers, as well as to those interested in the culture and uplift of the community.

It was the desire at that to make Brevard a musical center, and the Choral Society was organized as a forward step in that direction.

Mr. Crosby Adams of Montreat, N. C., who is the able director of the Aeolian Choir of Asheville, was asked by a committee, duly appointed, to come over to Brevard and conduct the rehearsals weekly, which he has done.

Mrs. Adams volunteered her services as accompanist, with out any remuneration.

Pledge cards were printed and the members signed them, obligating themselves to attend the meetings and support the organization by paying \$1.00 monthly.

Upon the strength of this the Choral Society was organized.

Since then for various reasons, some of the members have not attended the meetings regularly or paid their dues.

Consequently those present at the last rehearsal, February 28, decided it could not exist longer without funds, and the "faithful few" reluctantly voted to disband.

Since that meeting we have talked it up and several donations have been promised.

All members wish it continued and if we will work we can revive the organization.

There will be a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, March 8th, at 4 P. M., to discuss

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education of Transylvania county met in regular session last Monday with all members present.

Mrs. Bates Patton, one of the committee of Davidson River School appeared before the Board with the request that the committee be authorized by the Board to borrow on the credit of next year's local tax of that district enough to enable that district to have a term of nine months this year. The Board authorized the committee to borrow the funds needed to continue the school nine months in order that the pupils many fully complete their grades this year, with the provision that the money borrowed must be placed in the Treasury by the time the funds now to the credit of the district are exhausted.

Because of complaint made to the board by one member of a school committee that other members of the committee had signed up vouchers for work done about the school plant without consulting her in regard to the matter, the Board ordered that vouchers presented to the County Superintendent for the payment of any claims from any funds, general or local, shall be filed and not approved by the County Superintendent until passed on and approved by the Board of Education, unless the said Board shall have authorized the said claim. The County Superintendent asks that all committees of the county read this notice and be governed accordingly.

Glad Whitmire asked that the Board take such steps as may be necessary to get a school path from the public road near Davis-Glazener's to Colman's school, with a foot bridge across French Broad river. The Board left the matter open for investigation.

A petition was presented to the Board from the citizens of Rosman school district asking for an election on increasing the local school tax of that district 10 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property. A letter from J. Henry Highsmith, the Supervisor of High Schools for North Carolina, stated that such an increase in the local tax would have to be made before he district could receive any State aid and in order to maintain and improve the high school facilities in that community. The Board approved the petition and referred it to the County Commissioners with the request that the election be ordered.

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH:

Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, presiding Elder, will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday night. Immediately after service he will hold the second quarterly conference. All visitors welcome.

### D. H. WINCHESTER OFF TO BUY SPRING GOODS.

Mr. D. H. Winchester, prominent merchant of Rosman, left this week for Knoxville, Tenn., where he goes to purchase his Spring Merchandise. No doubt he will have an interesting announcement to make upon his return.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE VISITS COUNTY HOME

On Sunday afternoon twenty-five members of the Epworth League met at the home of D. L. English on Gaston Street. There they took cars and were driven to the County Home where a service was held to cheer the inmates.

The program was in charge of Miss Nellie Miller. There were prayers and songs, a Bible story by Miss Georgia Stanberry, solo by Mr. Ernest McFalls and a closing talk by the League president. Mr. Eugene Stanberry. The young folks took with them for the old folks in the home a treat of apples, oranges, and bananas.

### V. Fountain was among friends in town this week.

plans of reorganizing. As a member of the Choral Society, and realizing what it means to the community, I appeal not only to the members, but to all who are public spirited and wish to see Brevard take her place in the musical world to come forward and help restate the Brevard Choral Society.

### Mrs. O. I. Erwin.