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REMINISCENCES OF J. M. HAMLIN

Mr. Editor:
One of the women's clubs of Asheville having under consideration local history reviewed in a recent meeting some features of the history making of Buncombe County and Asheville. In tracing the history from the latter part of the eighteenth century, Mrs. Charlie Platt, the reporter gave interesting data down to the present time. With other things she said, "With exception of Orange county, Buncombe has exerted greater influences in the thought, history and policy of the State than any other county. It has furnished three governors, three U. S. senators, one Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, nine Representatives in congress, nine Superior Court Judges, one President of the University, for service; in addition delegates to constitutional conventions and representatives to the legislature and executive departments who are recognized among the best in the annals of the State."

In this array of unquestionable honors claimed it must be remembered that Transylvania is entitled to special consideration. She gave birth to one of her three U. S. senators, and she is her only Chief Justice. Again one of her nine Superior Court Judges was born, reared and largely educated on Transylvania soil. Two representatives and one State senator were the facts pre-Transylvanians. "To cap the climax," Transylvania holds the birth place of one of the many nominees for the vice presidency of the United States in 1880. Transylvania is not the least of all the corners of the ancient "State of Buncombe."

When the county seat of Buncombe was moved to Asheville, the few adventures up the river were confined to the mountains of the Cherry fields; but between these mountains existed a kindly fellow feeling akin to that of comrades among strangers. In the early rapid evolution of things Buncombe became Asheville and though Cherry Fields being out rivalled by growing settlements Cathy Creek, Davidson Creek and Gloucster, lost its identity. But while places changed in names and aspect there was no change in attitude or in terms social or business relations. At both ends of the line the people regarded themselves just folks; but, folks Asheville helped the up river folks and the up river folks helped Asheville; the one could not thrive without the other.

These are the days when Asheville's waters were freighted on wagons from Wilmington or Norfolk via Charlotte and Morganton or from Charleston over the long circuitous route down the Swannanoa these upper settlements were constant customers.

Long before the undertaking the people of Buncombe saw that a road across the Blue Ridge to Greenville S. C. giving a more direct line to Charleston, the logical part of Western North Carolina was a desideratum. But the building, The after many a hard stroke by many a calloused hand, became father to the fact. The building of this road was a kind of epoch in the business history of the town, and its beneficial effects were felt to the Meigs and Freeman lines, and so business ties were drawn together, emoluments and honors were mutually given and enjoyed.

Of course, then as now, Asheville led the way in important undertakings but when individual talent was observed outside the corporate limits, instead of ostracizing it was welcomed "by the best men" and heard in councils, consequently representatives from the up River settlements were recognized in official circles.

Years previous to 1888, the territory of Buncombe extended to far south for the commercial interests of Asheville. The people of this section seeing from their own standpoint of local interest as Asheville had seen several years before when the "State Road" was built that a direct road from the Valley of French Broad to Greenville pointing to Charleston would be of incalculable benefit. The importance was self-evident and Asheville had already demonstrated the benefit that

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IS BREVARD BEHIND THE TIMES?

We made a trip recently to Asheville. We always like to go to Asheville, because Asheville is a beautiful place, a wonderful place, a most progressive place.

While in Asheville it was our pleasure to see exhibited a reel, showing many beautiful scenes in and around Asheville. An Asheville reel gotten out by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, which reflected great credit upon the progressive spirit of the city.

This reel besides other beautiful pictures shows Conestee Falls, with the inscription "near Asheville". The monument erected by citizens of Brevard and Transylvania county in memory of Transylvania's soldiers of the World war, and placed at our entrance to the Pisgah National Forest, located in Transylvania County four miles from Brevard is also shown. The inscription in the reel is something as follows: "Monument marking the eastern entrance to the Pisgah National Forest, near Asheville."

Now is not Brevard behind in not making the location known even better than she has done? Brevard has placed the proper legend on all pictures but she should have done more, so that the Asheville Chamber of Commerce could know where the monument is and what it stands for. We know that Asheville does not wish to play the role of Ahab and Naboth's garden and we know that the members of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce are "honorable men, all honorable men," and are willing to "render unto Caesar, the things that are Caesar's."

We feel that Asheville is great enough to be able to give credit where credit is due and that if Brevard had advertised the location of Conestee Falls and Caesar's head properly, so that Asheville would have known the location of these points of beauty that she, in the name of courtesy, and truth, would have said, "Conestee Falls, forty-seven miles from Asheville and seven miles from Brevard." "Caesar's Head, fifty-seven miles from Asheville and seventeen miles from Brevard."

When we of Brevard direct our guests to Mount Mitchell we say, "Mount Mitchell near Asheville." When we speak of the great Chimney Rock view we say, "Chimney Rock near Hendersonville."

We have noticed another instance where Brevard is behind. Western North Carolina, Inc. had in the New Orleans Times-Picayune an advertisement setting forth the climate and glories of Western North Carolina and directing readers to write direct to certain hotels in Asheville, Tryon and Blowing Rock. Brevard not mentioned. As Transylvania is one of the counties listed in Western North Carolina, Inc., Brevard must be very much behind not to get some kind of mention.

FRANKLIN HOTEL OPENS JUNE 1.

WITH NEW AND MODERN CONVENIENCES

The Franklin Hotel has been completely remodeled in the interior and was opened June 1.

M. B. B. Todd, the owner, expects to have a very busy season.

A five piece orchestra has been contracted to be at the Franklin from middle of June until the middle of September.

At least three dances a week will be a feature of the Franklin's entertainments.

Mr. Todd has pointed out that the Franklin will be especially delighted to entertain the Transylvania folks and to those wishing to give card parties or other entertainments, the Franklin will be at their service.

An imported chef is a special feature for this season. He comes to Brevard from the east coast of Florida.

Auto parties, private dancing or card parties can obtain all accommodations at the Franklin.

Comfort is a watchword in this modern resort hotel, with every modern convenience and equipment, rooms, en suite or single, a large number of private baths, and under its present management the table and service the best obtainable.

The Franklin is situated just inside the incorporate limits of Brevard; has paved streets and sidewalk walks from the depot and business section of the town to the entrance and yet is located in the midst of a park and surrounded by a splendid lawn, and in a grove of century-old oaks, that the views from the porch are unobstructed, and one can gaze over the wide valley of the French Broad river and feast the eyes on the magnificent mountains that encircle the whole plateau.

The ownership is vested in Mr. R. B. Todd of Florida, who is hotel manager of wide experience and has established a most enviable reputation over a large part of the South for maintaining an unsurpassed table, and of offering to his guests accommodations and service that are unexcelled.

Under his management and with the recent improvements, the Franklin will be found to be one of the most delightful hotels in the mountains.

A MYSTERIOUS LETTER RECEIVED

Mr. W. A. Band,
City,
Dear Sir:

All the numerous members of our newly organized K. K. K. are your personal friends and the friends of the Brevard News. They are your subscribers and among your best advertisers. We do not wish to embarrass you and solicit your good will and only fair and impartial treatment. You can help the Klan in all its most laudable efforts and the Klan can help you.

Please publish the enclosed article this week and if for any reason you can not accept same please mail same to K. K. K. Brevard, N. C.

We know your rule as to signed communications but in this instance we feel sure that you will waive same as you will not ask that our identity be disclosed which is contrary to our usage.

Very truly yours,
K. K. K.

REV. P. C. NELSON WRITES TO FRIENDS

Lockbox 401, El Dorado, Kansas
June 3, 1924.

Our many friends in Brevard will be glad to know and hear that the Lord continues to bless our labors, and that we are well and happy in the work. Our second son and his wife had to drop out of the party for a time, and they reside in Dearborn, Mich., and have a fine son, born April 8th. Our eldest son has been studying in a Bible School the past year, and will rejoin our party before this letter reaches Brevard. Wife continues with me in the work.

Our first meeting after leaving Brevard was in Windsor Canada, the next in Morocco, Ind., then one in Rensselaer, Ind., then over into Illinois for a second campaign in Springfield, then back to Toledo, Ohio, and west again to Burlington, Iowa. This is our fourth week here and we are having a wonderful revival.

Our work this year is all in buildings, mostly in large tabernacles, and we shall probably have no use for our tent, which is stored in Brevard and we wish to sell it, preferably to some one who will use it for gospel meetings. Should like to hear from any such.

We earnestly request all our friends to pray for us and wish the readers of this paper every blessing from God.

Yours in the King's Business,
P. C. Nelson.

THE PRAYER CORNER

June is here, and she has a sweet message for all who will receive it. A message from a mystic land, a realm of roses, pure and fair where all day long new joys unfold and happy winds blow fresh and free.

The summer tide is born; we have left behind the May, and butterflies and birds and bees begin the roundelay of June, quaint queenly June with roses crowned, the rose of all the garden of the year.

She has a message: listen well! a message for each one who hears; for me and mine, for you and yours. It is this, behind the roses hid, I smile and smile the live long day; I breathe in every rose breath, and sing in every birds glad throat and make the earth look fresh and gay; but back of me she says, a higher power has showered gifts of love on me; the heart of June beats large and warm, above the wind, above the storm and silver streams and rivers run and sing His praise—His voice obey. The Rose of Sharon is His name, and I, said June, have come to bed the Earth, look up to Him, take heart anew—and, like the rose, exalt His fragrance till it rise in incense to the Throne above.

June you know, comes from Junus, the name of a Roman gens or clan. Thus June, in olden days, would tell of related life, and the related life is just what we are learning so much about in modern days. This is just what the Christian Faith, the Faith of Him who is "The Rose of Sharon" teaches us for all days—"No man liveth unto himself" for we are members, one of another and our head is Jesus: "The Rose of Sharon."

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But if we would share, we must first own, and own abundantly. Thy life within us—this is the June we ask for, this is the summer we pray may abide in our souls.

O Father, prove Thy power upon us, help us to make in the world about us, not only a season fragrant with bloom, and light and warmth but a love that tells its own story of Thee and reveals Thy presence as a controlling force in our lives, lifting us and helping us to lift others to the larger life that it enfolds, and all we ask is in Thy name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen,
C. D. C.

INTERESTING MEETING OF BREVARD INSTITUTE ALUMNI

At the Annual meeting of the Brevard Institute Alumni, all the officers for the past year were re-elected. They are as follows: President, Mrs. J. B. Picklesimer; Vice-President, Mrs. Harry Patton; Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Miss Earleene Poindexter; Chaplain, Mrs. N. A. Miller, all of Brevard, N. C.

It was decided to use the money in the Treasury as a scholarship for some boy or girl at the Institute.

To create more interest in our Association, it was decided to have a banquet in 1925, the Superintendent giving one night during Commencement for this purpose. The President appointed the following to serve as the Banquet Committee: Mr. O. H. Orr, Chairman; Mrs. J. M. Allison, and Mrs. Harry Patton. The President appointed a Committee to nominate former students who would be eligible for membership in the Association. Those who are to serve on this Committee are as follows: Miss Earleene Poindexter, Chairman; Mrs. O. H. Orr, and Mr. William A. Hart.

Earleene Poindexter,
Corresponding Secretary.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

At the Democratic Primary held last Saturday the following were nominated: Ed Gillespie, Sheriff; W. E. Ashworth, G. T. Lyday, "Kid" Seigman for County Commissioners; Welch Gallaway for Representative; Ed Patton for Treasurer and Noah C. Miller for Register of Deeds.

Republican Nominations:
The following were selected as the candidates at the coming election. Representative, C. E. Hedden; Sheriff, B. J. Sizem; Register of Deeds, A. B. Owen; Treasurer, Oscar Gallaway; Coroner, E. S. English; Surveyor, D. E. Grimshaw; County Commissioners, E. L. Scroggs, W. J. Owen, M. C. Shipman.

LARGE STRAWBERRIES

Mr. John Smith brought to The News office a Pint of the largest strawberries ever seen in this section. Two of them were measured and were actually 5 1/4 and 5 1/2 inches in circumference—and they certainly tasted good.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD

Sealed proposals will be received by the Road Commissioners of Transylvania County at their next regular meeting on July 7th., at 2 p. m., for the construction of about 3.1 miles of road between Quebec and the Diamond Creek Road via the West Fork of French Broad River.

Full particulars and proposal forms may be obtained from the office of the Road Commissioners.

Chas. E. Orr, Secretary,
R. H. Morrow, Engineer,
3 T. June 27.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. John William McMinn announces the engagement of her daughter, Irene, to Mr. James McCown Gilfillin of Greenville, S. C., the wedding to take place in July.

TAXES MUST COME DOWN

The American people have not weakened on the plan to cut \$300,000,000 from the federal tax bill. The people see in it the first step in a program to preserve the prosperity of the United States.

Both national and state tax problems stand as a disturbing menace to future growth and progress.

The combined earnings of this nation amount to fifty eight billion dollars and out of that the public pays more than seven billion dollars taxes.

The yearly tax bill of seven billion dollars is a menace to prosperity and increases the living costs.

The farmer, the workman, the clerk and the mechanic are beginning to understand that the taxes play an important part in the high cost of living.

Experience shows that reduction of taxes represents insurance against unemployment and lessens the possibility of a slowing down of industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gafney of Greenville, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Gafney's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kilpatrick.

LITTLE RIVER NEWS

Miss Mary Kilpatrick is expected home soon from Hickory, N. C.

Miss Elsie Ray is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray.

Miss Allie Patterson has returned from Greenville, S. C.

Miss Jessie Ray has returned from Hendersonville, N. C. after a visit with friends.

Mrs. J. M. Gray and children visited Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nicholson Sunday.

Miss Maude Kilpatrick is expected to leave soon for Hendersonville where she will attend summer school.

Miss Rowena Orr is visiting her aunt Mrs. Setzer of Hickory.

PIANO RECITALS

The piano recitals given by the pupils at the close of school, were indeed a credit to Brevard High School.

The pupils showed remarkable talent, technique and interpretation.

Miss Robertson has not only shown her ability as a teacher, but as an accompanist and soloist in her playing at the church on Sunday morning and High School, during Commencement.

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