

## PASSING OF MR. ISAAC HARKINS

Mr. Isaac Harkins was born July 28, 1843, and died suddenly at his home near Brevard, N. C., November 12th, 1924. He was therefore in his 82nd year. He had been in poor health for some time and his sudden going was constantly feared. The shock to his loved ones was very great and their grief was very painful and touching. A large number of friends and relatives gathered at Cathey's Creek church and cemetery where he was laid to rest, the services being conducted by the writer.

Brother Harkins was twice married. Feb. 22, 1866, he married Miss Margaret Nicholson, of Brevard. To this union were born James Harkins, now of Central, S. C., John Harkins, of Easley, S. C., Mrs. Ida Young, Brevard, N. C., and William Harkins, who died in 1912. Later he married Miss Naomi Osteen, of Brevard. No children were born to this marriage but the deep grief manifested by the children and grandchildren revealed that she was a devoted mother to them all. The deceased formerly lived in Knoxville, Tenn., but has resided near Brevard for the past 27 years.

While young he was converted and joined the Methodist church and remained true and faithful through a long life. He left a bright testimony and assured loved ones that he was ready to go. How fortunate! This is the best part of it all. What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Lord, ones you grieve not without hope. You know where to find Father and God grant that all may so live that the union may be complete and the circle unbroken. May the grace of God comfort one and all in this sad hour.

—E. R. WELCH.

## EARLY MORNING WEDDING

Early Monday in the chill preceding the dawn of a frosty morning Register of Deeds Roland Owens and his more that better half were awakened by a pounding upon their front door.

The visitor was admitted, and a roaring fire made for his comfort. When he had become thoroughly warm he recalled his errand and stated that he had some friends waiting outside for a marriage license.

It looked like a runaway match. The party left Tuckasee, Jackson County, at 2:00 a. m., and drove here some time before dawn. After spending about two hours at the Owens home on Caldwell street, they proceeded to the court house, a license was procured. Rev. Wallace Hartsell, pastor of the Baptist church, was summoned and Mr. Fred Ashe and Miss Etha Middleton, both of Tuckasee, were pronounced man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Ashe were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Sherman Phillips, of Wolf Mountain and a young lady whose name we were unable to learn.

## ROSMAN NEWS

Little Wilma Reece, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reece, got her finger cut off Thursday.

Miss Beattie Watkins, who is in training at the Mission Hospital at Asheville, spent the week-end with home folks.

We are glad Claude Glazener one of our Rosman boys, won scholarship at Raleigh State College.

Mr. Charlie Moore went squirrel hunting in Gloucester, killing 41. He reports they are plentiful.

Mr. Eustis Kirk, of Georgia, was a town visitor Saturday and Sunday to see Miss Bird Jamison. They motored to Brevard Saturday night to see "The Girl of the Golden West."

Miss Dolly Galloway, teacher at Little River, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. A. O. Kitchins.

Friends are glad that Dr. English of this place, is improving.

Mrs. Jack Eldridge and Miss Wilkinson went to Brevard shopping the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Galloway are the proud owners of a new "Chevrolet coupe."

The Misses Fritz, Walburn and Cain, teachers here, motored to Asheville Saturday, reporting a delightful trip.

—"NEWSY SUE."

## BLANTYRE BREEZES

Misses Mazie and Letha Moody have been visiting relatives in Greenville, S. C.

Misses Azlee and Jewel Justus attended the baptizing at Horse Shoe Sunday morning.

There was a large crowd attended the singing at Blantyre Sunday evening.

Mr. C. E. Blythe is running a revival at Boylston this week.

Miss Mattie Hamilton visited her cousins Misses Lillian and Rephella Scott, Sunday.

Mr. Highman of Little River, preached at Blantyre last Sunday night.

—"PANSY."

## SHOWER FOR MISS SLEDGE

Mrs. O. L. Erwin's entertainment for Miss Mary Sledge, bride-elect, was one of the prettiest parties ever given in Brevard.

The Erwin home is especially adapted for entertaining. The color scheme of green and pink was beautifully carried out in the decorations and all appointments.

The guests were received by Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Sledge, Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Shackelford, herself a recent bride, and ushered into the hall and living room.

When all had assembled the doors of the music room were thrown open and there was seen a bewitching little Cupid by a green moss covered well. Cupid at once ran out with bow and arrow, and finding Mary Sledge led her, wounded, to the well. There Miss Sledge drew from the well bucket after bucket of lovely presents while Miss Dorothy McKee sang "The Old Oaken Bucket," and cupid stood poised on the well curb.

After all the beautiful gifts had been drawn out and admired, seven tables of Bridge were arranged and the game was played through the remainder of the afternoon.

At the close of the game refreshments were served.

The girls in their bright frocks were a lovely bunch of rose buds. Miss Sledge's golden blond beauty was enhanced by a handsome gown of green beaded Canton Crepe.

## "OUR AUNT FROM CALIFORNIA" AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

On Friday following Thanksgiving the Girl Scouts will present at the High School Auditorium two one act plays. The first is entitled "The Home of the Class." The scene is laid in a girl's school and has some tense dramatic situations. The second play, "Our Aunt from California" is uproariously funny.

An evening of enjoyment is promised all who attend.

The proceeds will be used toward a camping trip for the girls next summer. Scout life is largely concerned with the great outdoors, though this is only one of the many fine things included in Scouting.

## FLORIDAIN BOYS PROPERTY HERE

Mrs. Agnes V. Samuel, of Orlando, Fla., has bought a seven acre tract of land west of Brevard, near the Probarde Road, just a short distance outside of the town limits. There is a fine building site, commanding a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains, and several acres of woodland. This is a part of the old Sothern tract and was purchased several years ago from Mrs. D. B. Hancock, by Miss Mary Blitch, who has now sold to Mrs. Samuel.

Mrs. Samuel will at once build a summer home here.

This is the section of town which already has a large colony of summer homes.

## TIME EXTENDED

In order that each person might have a chance to pay up, the closing of the Books of the 75 Million Campaign has been extended until December 31st. Every pledge should be paid in full by this date.

Each pledger is responsible to God for his pledge and unless you can honestly before him cancel your pledge you are under obligation to pay it. May we not make the great mistake of closing the channel through which blessings will flow into our lives by neglecting our part in the Kingdom's work.

—P. D.

## "PIE SUPPER"

There will be a "Pie Supper" given at Penrose School on Saturday night, November 23rd. There will be sandwiches, pies and many good things to eat, so every one come.

There will be a little entertainment in connection with the supper. The proceeds will be given to the church in order to help buy a piano.

## BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS AT HOME

If Tuberculosis Christmas seals are received from State Headquarters and the money for them sent direct there this county will lose the seventy-five cents of every dollar which is needed here to help little children.

In former years prominent men have secured seals and have sent the money for them to State Headquarters. The State and National Associations are doing good work with the money, but our part is needed here.

## BETTERMENT MEETING POSTPONED

The November meeting of the Betterment Association, has been postponed to the first Monday in December. This will probably be the last meeting of the year owing to the holiday season. It will be of unusual importance and every member is urged to be present.

The Elson pictures purchased from the proceeds of the Art Exhibition should be there by that time, as they were shipped from Boston last week. These will be interesting, but this is not the important business referred to.

## COUNTY SINGING AND CONVENTION

The third session of the Transylvania County Singing Convention will be held at Cherryfield, on the fifth Sunday, November 30.

The program is as follows:

10:00—Convention called to order by President Truette.

10:15—Song service by Jerry Brown.

Devotional exercises by the president. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

10:30—Alternate singing by the various classes that may be present.

11:45—Quartette by the Mills River Quartette. Address by Hon. C. B. Deaver.

12:30—Adjournment.

1:30—Devotional exercises by Rev. E. R. Welch. Singing, Brevard Quartette.

1:45—Conventional singing.

3:00—Business session.

3:20—Adjournment.

J. L. WRIGHT  
W. C. McALL  
CLAUDE MONTRELL

## GIRLS WANTED TO JOIN THE BAND

Mr. F. J. Cutter, who has done such wonderful work with the Transylvania Municipal Band is planning yet larger things. He wishes about fifteen girls to join the band, taking up the cornet, clarinet and saxophone. Girls with some knowledge of music, Mr. Cutter says, can soon learn to play a band instrument.

This would enlarge the band to fifty members. It is the dream of our ambitious bandmaster to have the largest concert band in North Carolina. Let's back him up. A big band will mean other big things.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was a gala day. The Sunday School was unusually enthusiastic both in attendance and collection. Dr. Zachary is proving already to be the right man in the right place, and with Henry Ranson as his valuable assistant is putting pep and wisdom into the new administration. We bespeak for them loyal co-operation and support. That large Men's Bible Class, taught by brother Welch Galloway, had forty-two in attendance. Every man in town not in Sunday School ought to be in the class. The congregations at both services were unusually large and signalized by the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Three persons at the morning service and the evening service twelve answered Christ and ten others asked for prayers.

Mrs. Goode and Mr. Wayland added much to the occasion. She is a great pianist and he sang two beautiful selections. Both have consented to remain over and take part in both services next Sunday. This ought to guarantee another large crowd. In the morning the pastor will preach on the "Mother Eagle's Babies." In the evening the services will be evangelistic.

All together for a great Sunday!

## NOTICE

There is a needy and worthy family in Brevard. We want to help them all we can. Any thing to eat will be appreciated. A box will be in the Methodist church vestibule all day Sunday. Drop your packages in the box, also any money you can give—drop it also in the box. This family has had sickness for a month and doctor bills, etc., are nearly \$200.00. Let us all help.

—E. R. WELCH, pastor.

## NAVAL RECRUITING OFFICER HERE

The United States Navy has resumed recruiting. W. Stewart, recruiting officer from Washington, D. C., is here and can usually be found about the Post Office.

The Navy wishes young men from the age of 17 to 35 years. The recruit has the opportunity for learning any one of twenty-two trades, or with a high school education, and one year in college has the chance of being one of the lucky one hundred boys that are appointed each year from the fleet for young officers in the Navy.

If he doesn't pass the officer's examination, he can select one of the trade schools at Hampton Roads, Va. After his four months training he goes home on ten days leave and can return to any of these schools or if he doesn't care for a trade school he can go to sea on one of Uncle Sam's 275,000,000 homes and travel the world over.

One boy, Edgar Moss Blackwell of East Flat Rock, was shipped on to Hampton Roads for four months training. He preferred going in the Navy to working in the hosiery mill at East Flat Rock.

Another boy, Clyde Atkins McIntosh of East Flat Rock, is waiting for orders to go as his paper have been sent in to headquarters.

Officer Stewart will be here only a few days.

On last Thursday morning a Hudson coach driven by Mr. R. E. Patton of Davidson River, and a Ford touring car driven by Mr. Paul A. Swarth of Little River, left Asheville at the corner of Probarde Ave. and went to St. No one was hurt.

## EDUCATION WEEK

Education week brings home to Americans the astonishing fact that this country ranks highest among enlightened nations in percentage of illiteracy. The Better Schools League calls timely attention to the amazing fact and gives these figures in proof:

Percentage of illiterates (persons ten years of age or over unable to write in any language, not necessarily English) in the United States, 6; Germany, two-tenths; 1 per cent; Denmark, two-tenths; Switzerland, five-tenths; England, 1 and eight-tenths; France, nearest to the United States in this discreditable showing, stands only 4 and nine-tenths per cent. Illiteracy is not confined to any one section of our country but it is heavier in rural communities than in larger cities. Nor is it to be attributed to the foreign-born for there are twice as many native-born illiterates as those of alien birth.

There are two major reasons for this condition. First, failure of too many communities to realize the importance of education and to subordinate their support for lesser civic enterprises. Next, the lack of accessibility to school in sparsely settled communities. The Better Schools League is working in co-operation with rather than in competition with the other existing national organizations in its efforts to make attainable improvement in individual situations. Thus aid organizing the best means for financing, equipping and conducting schools is given a clearing house for the school activities of the nation is provided; and an agency familiar with the problems both of city and country schools is at hand.

One of the obstacles depriving the young of a fair educational start in life is inadequacy of school funds. It seems strange, says the Better Schools League, that at a time when we are beginning to estimate the real worth of things any community should be so indifferent in its support of its schools. Only a failure to realize what education means can explain such indifference. It seems so obvious that our schools are the instruments with which we build Americanism and breed better Americans; that they are our first line of defense against ignorance and anarchy; that they bring to our youth the equipment, and training for greater ability and usefulness.

Our educational system, nationally, is fine. Communities, however, which do not measure up to our national standard and intellectually starve their young are contributing to educational delinquency. Our public schools are a common interest; they benefit all. Therefore, to make them easily accessible is a duty for which every man and woman is responsible. The means to develop better minds and healthier bodies should be neither denied nor stinted. Community interest in education should either be aroused or kept keenly alive. Schools must not be put on starvation rations. No tax money can be more usefully spent than for education. Such communities as find the local burden too great have a remedy in legislative measures to equalize school revenues. Leaders in every community should realize that makeshift schools are a crime; insanitary schools, a menace; poor equipment, a waste.

The country school is probably the richest field for improvement. The 1920 Census shows one state with 69,000 illiterates, 60,000 of whom are in the rural districts. Is it any wonder that country boys and girls are lured to the cities where their craving for better education can be gratified? Country school districts can shut off the stream flowing to the cities by supplying modern educational facilities. Where the need is for aid and counsel of those experienced in school administration these are easily to be had.

The problem of school improvement is purely a local one. If there is insufficient provision it is the fault of the community. We are living in a period of higher costs, but incomes are larger too. The community should adjust itself to the new order of things. Education is the cheapest thing it can buy. Education Week is a good time to take stock of local conditions and outline policies of improvement.

## THE PRAYER CORNER

### THE CHAMBER OF SILENCE

"There is a Chamber of Silence in every human heart. Here our secret thoughts lie hidden away, known only to ourselves and the Great Author of our being. Into this Chamber we retire when in great joy or sorrow; we seek its seclusion when baffled or defeated, successful and happy. What we think while there influences our whole life.

"We can scarcely understand our own motives often; there is a mysterious something within us which seems to govern our actions and we obey, as it were, an unseen voice. I think we are in close kinship with the associations of that secret heart chamber. If our thoughts are pure and ennobling, we carry about with us the reflection of these in good deeds; but if they are not, our influences cannot be wholesome.

"Oh, this silent inner life! It lies revealed to the eye of God; the world sees but a glimpse of it, but let us keep our hearts so clean and true that we need never fear to have our secret thoughts known.

"The fight that each man fights behind his chamber door for courage and for patience and for faith, he fights, not for himself alone, he fights for all mankind, he fights as one who is a helper of his friend, as a good brother of that One, who, in little Galilee, obscure, almost alone was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, and who, upon the Cross became the Burden Bearer of the Human Race."

### A Prayer for

### The Chamber of Silence

O Lord God, Thou knowest the secret of our hearts. There is no secret hidden from thee, Thine eye is in every place beholding the evil and the good; in the Chamber of Silence, in our silent inner life.

Hallow the Chamber of Silence to us, sanctify to us our silent inner life, for without Thee we can do nothing, dear Savior, nothing that is good or wholesome. But abiding in Thee Thou wilt be to us strength in our weakness, love in our lovelessness, grace and beauty in our uncomeliness and we shall hear a word behind us, the voice of The Spirit, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Oh, this silent inner life, O God, it only lies revealed to Thine eye; the world sees but a glimpse of it. Help us to keep our hearts so clean and true that we need never fear to have our secret thoughts known.

Enable us to fight the fight that each one fights behind our chamber door for courage and patience and for faith, not for ourselves alone, but for all mankind as those who are helpers of our kind and blood brothers and sisters of that One, who, in little Galilee, obscure, almost alone, was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, and who, upon the Cross became the Burden Bearer of the Race, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

C. D. C.

## REVENUE OFFICERS ARE SHOT NEAR LAKE TOXAWAY

There was considerable excitement on the street Wednesday afternoon when news was received of a serious shooting affray near Lake Toxaway. As usual first reports were much exaggerated.

It is said Officers Ben Draper of Asheville and Wilke Orren of this county, when near a still were fired upon by blockaders and returned the fire. Draper was seriously wounded, having a bullet in the lung. He was brought to Brevard Hospital. It is now thought he may recover unless complications ensue. Orren was also shot in the side but his wound is not at all serious.

United States Commissioner A. E. Hampton went at once to the scene. Marshal Brownlow Jackson of Asheville, was notified and proceeded to the scene with other officers. Asheville bloodhounds were used in the search for the blockaders.

As we go to press no arrests have been made but it is expected the blockaders will be captured as their identity is known.