

OTTO ALEXANDER PRAISES TRANSYLVANIA IN SPEECH BEFORE CULLOWHEE STUDENTS

"TELLS THE WORLD" ABOUT OUR ASSETS

Culowhee, June 26.—Last week Culowhee State Normal staged some very unique chapel programs in the form of two minute county reports given by the student representatives of the various counties represented at the summer school. Nearly every county in the state has some student at Culowhee this summer and the county reports revealed some very interesting and surprising things about North Carolina's accomplishments and rapid progress.

Mr. Otto Alexander, of Oakland, made a speech for Transylvania county which should be of special interest to all people of the county. Mr. Alexander's speech was as follows:

In the first place our county has an interesting name. It's name is the combination of two words, "trans," across, and "sylva," the woods. The county seat is Brevard, named for Col. Ephraim Brevard, who was partly responsible for one of the dates on our State flag. Our county was formed in 1861 from Henderson and Jackson. In this connection I should like to give an

illustration to show how county lines have changed in the formation of counties. Doc. Clayton, who is nearly a centurion and an honored citizen of our county, has lived in four counties, and lived in the same house. The counties are Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson and Transylvania.

Our county has a school record that Transylvanians are proud of. According to a statement given out by our county superintendent, T. C. Henderson, Transylvania is the first county in the state to provide adequate means for the employment of efficient teachers for the rural schools, and the second county in the state to provide a minimum term of nine months.

In a comparison of roads, Transylvania ranks high among the other counties of the state. There is a hard surfaced road running through the county from the Henderson to Jackson county line. This section is graded and the harsurfacing is underway, and it is expected to be completed within a few months. Our county is also connected with South Carolina with two State highways.

As to our industries, there are three large bandsawmills, two tanneries and extract plants, and one cotton mill in the county. Some of the best farming land in the state is to be found in our county. Modern methods and machinery are being used. Our county is especially noted for its apple crop, and garden truck. There are two banks in the county, the Pisgah Bank and the Brevard Banking company. The latter has resources of over \$1,000,000 and the president, T. H. Shipman, is one of the trustees of Culowhee Normal School. Last year he was president of the State Bankers' Association, and now has the honor of being vice-president of our National Banking Association.

Transylvania is noted for its

beautiful scenery and as a playground for tourists. A part of the far-famed Pisgah National Forest lies in our county. At the entrance to this reservation a beautiful arch has been erected by the citizens of Transylvania county to the memory of the soldiers from Transylvania county in the World War.

As further evidence of the fact that Transylvania is a leading resort section of this county, there are more summer camps in Transylvania than in any other county in the state. The camps give the boys and girls the opportunity of enjoying the pleasures of outdoor life with boating, bathing, athletics, and "hikes," as well as educational facilities. The faculties are composed of some of the leading instructors of our country. Lake Toxaway is another notable resort which has attracted tourists from all sections of the United States. This property was recently sold for the sum of \$1,500,000. A new concrete dam is soon to be built, and the large hotel renovated.

Here's hoping that everyone at the Culowhee Summer School who has not visited Transylvania county, will do so, for you have not seen Western North Carolina until you have seen Transylvania county. So come to the "Land of Waterfalls" in the "Beautiful Sapphire County."

Common field corn will make an excellent hay and froage crop if planted in rows three feet apart and given two or three plowings.

Hot weather means more parasites for the poultry and if the birds are to thrive these pests must be controlled.

The garden may be made a profitable plot during late summer by planting vegetables now.

The eleventh annual report of the agricultural extension service of State College has been received from the printer and may be had free of charge by those desiring a copy.

New York buys more salt than any other state, but Pennsylvania evidently has spent the most money for Pepper.

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POULTRY FACTS FOR MID-SUMMER DAYS.

Raleigh, N. C. June 30—Young chicks are rapidly developing into mature pullets and cockerels during mid-summer and these birds should be watched carefully so that the best individuals may be selected for breeding.

"There is much difference in the rapidity of development of young birds," says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department at State College. "Some of the chickens develop rapidly, some moderately and others slowly. Those that develop rapidly should be selected for breeding purposes. The pullet that grows fast, is the one that will begin to lay early and will lay late into the fall of next year. She will be the high producer."

Dr. Kaupp states that he recently visited a farm in North Carolina where the owners were interested in developing a good flock of white leghorns. All the fine, strong, active birds were being put on the table because they were troublesome and the less active were saved for breeding. That will result in a weak flock.

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Another observation was that out of 15 farmers keeping poultry, thirteen did not have comfortable poultry houses nor did they feed a laying mash.

"If the farm flocks of North Carolina are ever to be put on a paying basis, the proper birds must be selected and the poor, unprofitable ones sold for table use," says Dr. Kaupp. "The birds must have a modern house and be kept free from

parasites such as scaly legs, lice, mites and intestinal worms. They must also have something to eat besides just corn. A mixed grain ration and such mash feed is needed."

That these suggestions may be obtained by poultry growers in a condensed and accurate form, the poultry department has prepared a series of bulletins on the subject. These publications may be had free of charge by writing to the college for them.

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CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH II. TO REPEAT CLASSIC ESCAPE



Francis Gow-Smith's Radio Tames Murderous Natives

INTO a tropical jungle of Brazil from which few white men have escaped alive, a modern Captain John Smith is about to venture. He is placing his faith upon modern science to soothe the savage beast, as did Smith, with his magnetic compass, some two hundred years ago. A powerful electric flashlight and a sensitive radio receiving set are the means by which the intrepid American explorer hopes to divert the murderous intentions of the cruel Chervantes Indians, who inhabit the River of Death Region, just south of the Amazon basin.

"There is a legend in Brazil," according to Francis Gow-Smith, who dares to risk his life upon so thin a thread, "that no white man has ever returned from an exploration trip up the Rio das Mortes, and from that fatal comotiation the waterway derives its name, the River of Death." The hostile Chervantes Indians, who slink through the heavy tropical foliage of the River of Death territory, acquired their hatred of the white man hundreds of years ago while the Spaniards held them under an iron rule. For years treasure ships of booty, laden with gold and jewels rewarded the Spanish conquerors. But a well organized revolt of the Chervantes resulted in the death of every last invading Spaniard and to this day they have successfully resisted the advance of civilization.

Few Escape Poison Arrows

A few years ago three hardy Brazilians ventured into the Chervantes territory. Two of them were slain. The third escaped because the Indians thought that his eyeglasses denoted supernatural powers. They adopted him as a medicine man and gave him a native wife. But these signal honors held him only until the first opportunity to escape offered itself. Another explorer, a German, escaped from the River of Death coun-

try with the aid of a violin, substantiating the old adage, music soothes the savage beast. Another explorer enchanted these murderous natives by means of his binoculars. But these are the only cases of successful penetration of the Chervantes territory.

Francis Gow-Smith was the next to expose himself to the poisoned arrows of the slinking Indians. For five days with a hastily collected crew of timid but friendly Carajas he worked his way up the Rio das Mortes.

Gow-Smith's First Venture

"The scene was an endless paradise of peace and flaming beauty. The banks were walled with forests and draped with the gorgeous colors of flowing vines. Over the silver sheet of the water flashed in a kaleidoscope of amazing color the wings of parrots and strange butterflies. Solemnly on the rocks along the shore stood countless long-billed ibis, flaunting their plumage in pastel shades of red, green, purple and blue. Other fishermen, the graceful jaguars, lay daintily draped on branches over the stream where shoals of fish, feeding on floating petals, were so thick that a swift paw could scoop up a mouthful at will," wrote Smith in a recent issue of World's Work. "All was enchanting peace. Yet I could almost feel the unseen eyes of the Chervantes watching our every move from among the trees. And a column of signal smoke, rising now and again above the forest roof, revealed that our progress was being reported to natives higher up."

On the sixth day this languid peace was interrupted by the vicious swishing of poisoned arrows. Instantly a babble of hysterical cries from Smith's terrified Carajas. In a moment the canoe was headed down stream in a panic stricken flight. So ended Smith's first expedition.

But the march of civilization is not easily turned back. Smith is once more bound to the darkest corner of the earth. This time he will be equipped to face the poisoned arrows of the natives. Instead of implements of war, his weapons are a number of flashlights and a radio receiving set. By shooting a beam of white light five hundred feet into the well nigh impenetrable jungle he expects to win the respect of the Chervantes Indians. With a power that seems supernatural, he will gather music from the skies in order to divert their attention. Like the famous Captain Jolu Smith of Colonial days, his modern namesake will stake his life upon the effectiveness of science in curbing the natural desire of the savage to practice with the tomahawk and poison arrow upon the susceptible anatomy of the white man.

New Type of Batteries Used

Smith's life depends upon the successful functioning of his radio equipment and his flashlights on his present trip. He will not only paddle up the River of Death but will visit the strongholds of the Chervantes in order to make their acquaintance. Smith has taken with him a goodly stock of reserve flashlight cells and "B" batteries of a size and quality which will give him well over a year's service.

It is interesting to observe that a year ago "B" batteries had not been developed which would give with any degree of certainty a full year's service. New and modern methods of "B" battery construction however have so improved the quality and life of "B" batteries that a year's power supply is now assured him. The other elements of a radio receiving set are subject only to mechanical wear. Unless accident occurs, therefore, Smith can call upon radio music to soothe the murderously inclined.

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