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GRAPHIC STORY OF HUMAN SUFFERING IN BLOODY CHINA

John Ker Davis, Well Known Here, In Thick of the Fray—World Figure

LETTER TO MRS. PATTON DESCRIBES SUFFERING

Reads Like a Page Torn From History In Days of Banditry—Of Local Interest

Development that tremendous world situation to a closer and more personal stage of interest to Transylvania county as time goes on. The metropolitan papers of America, as well as all the smaller papers and magazines have been devoting much space recently to the part that John Ker Davis is playing in that big world event.

Transylvania's personal interest lies in the fact that John Ker Davis United States Consul to China, is a first cousin to Mrs. Ed Patton, of Pisgah Forest, and has many relatives and friends in this community, and has visited here on several occasions.

The wife of Mr. Davis has written a letter to Mrs. Patton, telling of the horrible experiences endured by herself and family and all the foreigners who were in China during the past several months of turmoil. The letter reads more like the pages that had been snatched from a book of a thousand years ago, when banditry reigned supreme, rather than a recounting of actual experiences in the year of 1927.

The Brevard News is fortunate in being permitted to publish this letter. It is too long to print in one issue and will be run in two installments. The News would suggest to its readers who are interested in this great event that both copies of the paper be kept so that the two installments of the letter may be pasted together and kept. The first installment of the letter follows:

The Letter
Shanghai, April 2nd, 1927.
Dear Home Folks:-

I cannot possibly write all of you separate letters, so I will write one to several of you and will ask you to show it to those whom you think will be interested in seeing it, and later when I feel more like it and have more time I shall try to write more personal letters to you.

The unspeakable affair at Nanking came like a thunder clap to everyone. We had not the faintest inkling of any anti foreign feeling among the Southern troops, and thought that when they came into the city that we should share the same fate as Hankow, and other cities that had fallen under their sway—that is be subject to unpleasantness, have taxes put on various things, and at the outmost suffer a little looting from lawless mobs of coolies or students run amuck, but that the Southern troops themselves would hunt us down like rats, destroy every bit of foreign property, and do the most unspeakable things we none of us dreamed.

We first heard the huns booming in the distance outside the city walls late Monday afternoon, and my husband had already advised all Americans who possibly could to

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BASEBALL FANS TO GET GAMES ON RADIO

Of unusual interest is the announcement of the Brevard Battery company that the baseball games will be received over the radio at their place every afternoon, and invites the public to listen in. Seats have been prepared for visitors. An extension line has been run into the big store room of the Lowe Motor company, and the games will come into that place also, where the public is invited to attend.

This arrangement means much for the fans of this community and it is fully appreciated by the people who love the national game.

NEW MAPLE ST. HOME IS ALMOST COMPLETE

T. J. Loftis is completing the installation of plumbing in the new home being erected by Mr. Cowan on Maple street. The "Durham" of plumbing has been adopted, which is a plan of plumbing endorsed by the Association of Master Plumbers.

FINE GRADUATING CLASS RECEIVES HIGHEST HONORS

Commencement Exercises End Tuesday Night—32 In Graduating Class

CHAPPELL'S ADDRESS AN INSPIRING EVENT

Plays and Presentations of Students Highly Pleasing to the Public—Great Year

Commencement exercises for the scholastic year 1926-27 of the Brevard high school concluded with the formal graduating exercises Tuesday night, at which time 32 young girls and boys received diplomas for completion of the four-year high school course, the address to the graduates being delivered by Rev. Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of Central Methodist church, Asheville.

The exercises proper opened Friday night with the annual senior class play, entitled "Behind a Watteau Picture," with the setting in France and portraying the life during the reign of Louis XIV. Because of the ladies desire for pleasure, they enter death garden and there the two lovers are killed as they come in contact with Light 'O Love and Death, and the lady of the picture is led back to life in reality.

The play was by far the most ambitious one ever attempted here by a senior class and was altogether a credit to the members of the class who participated and to their director, Mrs. V. A. Crawford, of the high school faculty, and to Miss Marguerite Robertson, accompanist. Two of the musical selections used in the play were composed by Miss Elizabeth Welch, also of the high school faculty. The stage setting was most effective and in keeping to the minutest detail with that period of history. The costumes, which were imported and decidedly apropos to those in vogue during that period, added greatly to the general effectiveness of the play.

A dramatization of this picture of the famous author was vividly depicted by the eight main performers, including McLean Grogan, Kathleen Lyon, Guy Lowe, Donald Lee Moore, Dewey Wood, Lorene York, Nancy Macfie, Tom Whitmore, all of whom performed their respective roles in a highly creditable manner, together with other members of the class acting as grave diggers, Chinese and pages.

The Commencement sermon Sunday morning at the high school auditorium was delivered by Rev. W. H. Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, choosing as his subject, "Where Do We Go From Here?" and taking his text from the book of Luke. Rev. Mr. Hartsell spoke forcibly to the young graduates before him, admonishing them, on the beginning of their voyage of life, to avoid drifting and choose wisely a definite destination and purpose, since the choice they make of their lives as they leave high school will determine their character in later life; for a good character, the speaker further stated, is the greatest thing to be desired in life. The students

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BOYS RECEIVE TWO FINE BROOD SOWS

(By J. A. GLAZENER)

Alexander Lance and Albert Mecece, both students in Agriculture at Brevard high school, received last week from Scarff's Stock Farm, New Carlisle, Ohio, two very fine Hampshire sows already bred. These hogs were bought through the Brevard Banking company's plan. That is, the boy or farmer is to provide suitable lot and quarters and to pay the express on the hogs. The bank pays the stock farms for the hogs and gives the buyer one year to pay for the sow.

Eugene Henderson is smiling because that fine Duroc Jersey sow, which he bought through the Brevard Banking company's plan, has ten good pigs. Eugene is a student in agriculture and has taken the sow as his project.

Four sows have already been brought into the county through this plan. Indications are that several more will be bought in the near future. Many farmers of the county should take advantage of this plan and help to stock our county with quality hogs that will be in demand. Then the market for our surplus corn will be right on the farm where it was grown and will be sold at a much higher price than otherwise could be obtained.

OLIVER H. ORR



Assumes New Duties as Cashier of the Pisgah Bank on June 1.

KIWANIANS HEAR OLIVER H. ORR NOW TELEPHONE GIRLS CASHIER OF BANK

"Scotty" Delights Club With Old Scotch Songs and Stories—Hartsell Back

It was "Number, Please," and "Thank You" at the Kiwanis meeting last Friday evening, when the club entertained the telephone operators of the town. The Pierce-Moore had prepared an unusually fine dinner for the occasion, and all members of the club were deeply interested in the speeches of J. S. Bromfield, president of the telephone company, and Mrs. W. M. Cloud, who spoke for the operators.

Mr. Bromfield told of the growth of the telephone system here, saying that it was nothing more than an indication of the growth of Brevard. Mrs. Cloud told the men present that the telephone operators were the friends of the business men and the friends of the public. Through the telephone exchange messages of hope are sent, messages of joy, and also messages that cause sadness and consternation. The citizens have the sympathetic assistance of the telephone operators, who learn to know the voices of the people as soon as the number is called. She asserted that the girls do their best and the majority of the people are helpful. Some few, of course, Mrs. Cloud said, seem to want to take their spite out on things in general on the telephone operators. She caused much laughter when she pleaded with the men to refrain from shaking the receiver hook up and down in their impatience when the response was not forthcoming instantly.

"Scotty," who is employed by the local country club, sang several Scotch numbers and was heartily applauded.

Rev. Wallace Hartsell was back on his old job leading the singing and he kept the boys busy. Mrs. K. King presided at the piano for them all.

EVERETT JENNINGS McCALL



Picture of little Everett Jennings McCall, whose death on Saturday, May 14, brought grief to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCall and to their large number of friends. The little one was an unusually sweet baby, and was the only child of the family.

DAVID MERRILL MAKING RECORD

Bee Business Growing Rapidly—Flu Among Cows Assuming Dangerous Proportions

(By L. A. AMMON)
Mr. C. L. Sams, Extension Bee Specialist, was in the county the past week-end holding meetings and conferences with the bee keepers. Findings were that a very good percent of the hives had wintered through and those in demonstration had not lost a single hive from winter-causes.

Mr. Sams was particularly well pleased with the care to details, that David Merrill, of Little River, is giving his bees, and last year's results show it pays. David has just ordered eight queens and will divide his present hives instead of depending on their swarming for increase. Last year he made eight from three, and produced three hundred pounds of honey.

Mr. J. F. Lyday is not far behind with his bees. His best hive made him six supers of honey last season, making \$37.50 for the hive. He took in over three hundred dollars from honey and has honey yet.

The worst thing we found is that the bees keepers, even if they have the patent hives, wait too long to put on the second super. It should be put under the first one so soon as the first is half filled, and since bees fill the center frames first, there should be a shifting of the frames that are empty to the center, as fast as the center ones are filled or about filled.

He had his Chick Tom Hollingsworth, he watch his chickens culled and glutted the market with eggs; now he has all his bees in patent hives, and no doubt, he will have all the honey we want. Fact is that one patent hive handled anywhere near right, will yield as much honey as ten of the old timers. Many testify to this.

Well, Mr. Patton, maybe we cull your chickens at the wrong time of the moon, or maybe the flappers did not like the kind of wristlets that we put on next time. We will watch these things next time. To be serious, it was not the proper time to cull for laying, as but few hens were laying, and to have taken out all not laying would have taken out some mighty good breeders. Glad you have the idea and succeeded in culling yourself.

Much of the corn has been worked out the first time, and much of it shows the yellowing effect of the weather. A little soda as a top dressing would do wonders of good to start it to growing good. Say fifty pounds per acre.

The flu among cows is getting serious, and personally, I would recommend that you have the veterinarian vaccinate any cows fresh or during the past month, or those that are weakened in that are being hit so hard. Attention is the second cause of the flu. Watch your watering.

An unusual number of cases of the milk fever. A sign of the milk fever is the cow down in hips up fresh. Air purifier will do the work.

ANOTHER FRESH

Mr. Orr's successor as superintendent of Brevard Institute will be Mr. J. F. Winton, who comes to Brevard well recommended, having been connected with Sue Bennette Memorial School, London, Ky., for several years, which is another one of the schools under the control of the Missionary Council of the Southern Methodist church. Mr. Winton, who will be accompanied to Brevard by his wife and three small children, will assume his new duties here about the first of June.

NEW MACHINE FOR LOCAL POSTOFFICE

R. L. Nicholson, postmaster, has been notified that his office will be equipped with an electric postage machine, which will greatly facilitate the cancellation of postage stamps and permit a much quicker handling of the mail. Only offices equipped with these machines, the fact that Brevard is to be provided with one shows the rapid increase in business done for

Postmaster Nicholson is pleased over the progress being made in the local postal business, and shows that real business receipts are larger now than the year before. It is a real

BREVARD'S FIRST NIGHT ON THE AIR PRONOUNCED GOOD

Ladies' Quartet Received Much Applause—Calls Come In for More From "Dot"

WELL BALANCED PROGRAM WAS VERDICT OF FANS

Brees's Address Especially Good—Home Folks Cheered the Broadcasters On

Brevard made its initial bow to the radio world last Thursday evening when a program was rendered under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce, and received flattering words of commendation from many states and communities. Especially appealing was the ladies' quartet, which was encored by the listeners-in. The Misses Silversteen were asked to sing again, and calls were made for more music from "Dot," (meaning Miss Dorothy Silversteen). The male quartet made a hit, as did the violin numbers by Mr. A. B. Carter.

William E. Brees was the first speaker on the Brevard program, and in earnest, eloquent manner described the beauties of Transylvania county, urging his listeners everywhere to come to this county and see for themselves the wondrous beauty of this section.

Prof. J. Dale Seitz, manager of WWNC broadcasting station, added much to the success of the evening in his masterly manner of handling the situation and in making announcements.

Following is the program rendered as arranged by J. O. Barrett:

Vocal Duet—Hush-a-Baby: Logan—Misses Adelaide and Dorothy Silversteen; Miss Robertson at the piano.

Violin Solo—A Hungarian Dance: A. B. Carter; Mr. Carter himself playing; Miss Robertson at the piano.

Vocal Solo—Can't You Hear Me Calling Caroline: Roma—Mrs. H. R. Walker; Miss Robertson at the piano.

Address—Transylvania Waterfalls: In Word Description—Hon. W. E. Brees.

Ladies Quartet—Medley From the South—Pike: Miss Helen James, Mrs. Mac Allison, Mrs. Alex Ktzer, Mrs. W. O. K. King.

Address—Good Roads: In Transylvania—James F. Barrett.

Vocal Solo—Folk Song—Logan: The

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